47 killed in USS lowa blast

NORFOLK, Virginia (AP) — A fire and explosion in a giant gan turret on the battleship USS lowa killed at least 47 people and injured an undetermined number of others Wednesday in the Atlantic Ocean, a navy commander said. The death toll "could go higher, but we don't know at this point," said Lt. Cundr. Steve Burnett. The ship was not serio damaged and was suffing to a rendezvous with the aircraft carrier USS Corel Sea, which has full medical facilities, said Atlantic fleet spokesman amann. Crewmen put out the fire, flooded several rooms where explosives were stored, 26 a precaution, and declared the ship no longer in my danger, he said. The explosion occurred about 1400 GMT in one of the any tanger, he said. I are exposed occurred about 1400 GM in our of the battleship's three 16-inch gnn turrets as the ship was taking part in a guinnery exercise about 550 kilometres northeast of Paerto Rico. The training exercise to improve fleet readiness began April 13 and involved 19,000 people aboard 29 U.S. ships, three allied ships and abore-based aircraft. The ship's guns were being fired to check that they worked when the explosion occurred, spokesman said. There were 1,600 people aboard the chile ships.

to protect the national economy. The source

expressed absolute confidence in the citizens' awareness. for ensuring the country's security and

His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the

Regent, held a meeting with the speaker and

members of the Upper House of Parliament

(Senate) and briefed them on the events and

situation in the south, the Jordan News Agency.

Petra, said. The Regent called for a meeting of the

four regional development committees to discuss

The Regent expressed understanding of the needs and problems of the people and called for a

constructive dialogue in an atmosphere of calm

Upper House of Parliament Speaker Ahmad

Lawzi voiced the Senate's allegiance and loyalty to

the King and reaffirmed the importance of pro-

tecting the security and stability of the country.

the needs of the people, Petra said.

and security.

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WASHINGTON (Agencies) — His Majesty King Hussein said Wednesday everything was under control in Jordan following the events that took place in southern Jordan in the past two days.

The King, asked at the White House by reporters to comment on the situation, said: "I believe everything is under control."

The events are "really the result of the measures that had to be taken as a result of the

defaulting of several Arab states in helping us,"

the King said.
"We had to take some measures (to compensate

for the aid loss) and obviously people feel them,"

In Amman, a responsible source said Wednes-

day that certain events took place Tuesday and

Wednesday in some cities in southern Jordan and

were dealt with at the highest responsible level

and with a national spirit on the part of the government and the citizens.

Both parties contained the event in the spirit of national awareness, the source said and added

Bush vows his utmost to meet Jordan's economic and military requirements

King wins U.S. pledge to build serious peace process

By a Jordan Times Staff Writer with agency dispatches

WASHINGTON — His Majesty King Hussein and U.S. President George Bush Wednesday held talks on the Middle East and said after-

Winding up an hour-long meeting at the White House, the King said Bush was "in a unique position" to help end the Arab-Israeli conflict, adding: "I can assure you that I fully support you in all

your efforts in this regard."

Bush reaffirmed that Jordan's security remained of fundamental concern to the U.S. and said he had reassured the King that. Washington would do "its utmost to help meet Jordan's economic and military requirements."

King Hussein praised Bush as "the right leader, in the right office at the right time" to move the peace process forward. He earlier told reporters he

believed the time was ripe for a breakthrough in the Middle East. He reaffirmed the requirements for peace, including Isreli talks with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and a U.N.-sponsored international conference as a forum for negotiations on a comprehensive set-

Bush reiterated the U.S. view that "a properly structured international conference could serve at an appropriate time as a means to facilitate direct negotiations between the parties."

The King held a closed meeting with Bush before being joined by senior officials from both sides. In his remarks at the White House Rose Parden, the King praised the U.S. for opening a dialogue with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and said that this, coupled with the PLO's renunciation of terrorism in December, had improved prospects for peace. He expressed hope for more

flexibility on Israel's part. "Peace can neither be negotiated nor achieved without PLO participation," the King said. Following is the text of Bush's

"Well, I've had the pleasure and honour of an intimate discussion with an old friend, His to negotiations on the final status Majesty King Hussein of Lordan of the West Bank and Gaza. I

wards Jordan and the U.S. were launching the task of structuring a serious negotiating process for peace in the

> The relationship between Jordan and the United States has deep roots. It's founded on a commonality of interests and mutual respect, and it is in this spirit that His Majesty and I reviewed the situation in the Middle East, and in particular, the search for Arab-Israeli peace. We talked also of the concerns that we both have about Lebanon.

"Few individuals can match the dedication of His Majesty King Hussein to the cause of peace. For his is a commitment to explore opportunities, examine options, pursue possibilities. And I explained to him our thinking on the need to diffuse tensions, to promote dialogue, to foster the process of negotiations that could lead to a comprehensive settlement. And I reiterated my belief that properly designed and mutually acceptable elections could, as an initial step, contribute to a political process leading

our long-standing commitment to bring about a comprehensive settlement through negotiations based on U.N. Resolutions 242 and 338, and the principle of

"Through these negotiations, peace and security for Israel and all states and legitimate Palesti-nian political rights can be realised. In addition, a properly structured international conference could serve, at the appropriate time, as a means to facilitate direct negotiations between the

The time has come to encourage fresh thinking, to avoid sterdebate and to focus on the difficult but critical work of structuring a serious negotiating process. His Majesty committed Jordan to this task, and I commit the United States to this task. An important part of this effort and of the stability of the Middle East as a whole will be the continued economic and military strength of

"Jordan's security remains of fundamental concern to the United States, and I have reassured His Majesty that the United States will do its utmost to help meet Jordan's economic and military requirements. His Majesty King Hussein and I delved deeply into the broader re-



HM King Hussein



George Bush

gional and internal problems, and as always, I benefited greatly from the wisdom of my friend. Together, we pledge to continue the close cooperation and coor-

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Ministers explain results of Jordan-IMF talks, agreement

Regent calls for constructive dialogue

King: Everything under

control in south Jordan

AMMAN (Petra) — The ministers of national economy was strengthened finance, supply and information met here Wednesday with a group of Jordanian writers, journalists and senior officials from the information sector to discuss the outcome of talks here in the past weeks between the Jordanian government and a team from the International Monetary

the King added.

Participants in the meeting were briefed on the reasons behind the recent government decision to increase the price of a number of

Finance Minister Hanna Odeh reviewed Jordan's development process over the past years during which the Kingdom registered high growth levels when compared with other countries in the region. During these years services were boosted, the

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM tion.

(Agencies) - Soldiers shot and

wounded at least 25 Palestinians

in clashes Wednesday, including

11 children under age 12 who were hit by rubber and plastic bullets, most suffering head in-

juries in some of the fiercest

clashes in the occupied Gaza Strip this year, hospital officials

In Jerusalem, police using a

robot safely detonated a bomb on

the main shopping street, planted

during peak shopping hours on the eve of a Jewish holiday.

Police rounded up several sus-

In Gaza City, and other areas

of the teeming coastal strip, pro-testers burned tyres and barri-

caded roads from early morning

apparently responding to a call by

the Islamic Resistance Movement

and production at all levels was increased, he said. Jordan's development over the past 10 years, the minister said, was closely connected with two factors: Arab financial assistance and external loans, both determined by outside forces.

The minister said strenuous efforts were exerted in the past years to increase the country's revenues but that the expenditure had constantly been on the increase and there was no way of reducing certain expenditures. The country, he added, was involved in the execution of a number of major industrial programmes, and a clear pledge by the government to support the agricultural sector made a reduction on expenditure impossible. The minister said the Arab region had witnessed a slump in oil prices

25 shot in fierce clash

Hamas called in its 40th leaflet

earlier is week for a "Day of

confrontation and challenge and

escalating resistance" marking

the anniversary of the start of a

1936 Arab revolt against Jewish

settlement in then British-ruled

six-year-old boy shot in the head

with a steel marble in Gaza City's

Daraj neighbourhood, a six-year-

old girl hit in the chest with a steel

marble in the Nuseirat refugee

camp and an eight-year-old boy

with bullets in both legs in Khan

Younis, hospital records showed.

casualties were aged 12 or under,

according to the records of three

Islamic fundamentalism, has ex-

holding an international peace

conference with the equal parti-

a just settlement while Shamir

stayed in office, Mubarak re-

and I hope I am wrong."

Asked if there was no hope for

"With regret, that is what I see

Mubarak said his hopes were

pinned on what he called the

peace forces within Israel, whom

At least 11 of the gunfire

The Gaza Strip, a bastion of

Among the wounded were a

in occupied lands

which negatively affected the Kingdom's balance of payments. As a result, there was an imbalance in the general budget, and a huge gap appeared in the balance of payments. minister said.

Servicing foreign debts aggravated the situation and forced Jordan to resort to borrowing from a number of development institutions to maintain the process of development, Odeh said. Against this, nothing was done to involve citizens in shouldering part of the burden, he said.

The five-year economic adaptation programme announced recently by the government will entail a resche ng of the Kingdom's debts, the

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since the fasting month of Ramadan began 12 days ago.

Palestinians said some of the

clashes erupted when youths de-

fied army curfews in refugee

camps to stage street protests.

Many of the wounded were bit by plastic-tipped bullets or rub-

ber-coated spherical steel mar-

bles — ammunition introduced during the 16-month-old Palesti-

nian uprising with the aim of enabling troops to fire more free-ly but kill fewer Arabs.

A curfew was put on Rafah

town of the Egyptian border after

a Palestinian stabbed a soldier in

The high casualties came amid

accusations by the Red Cross and

Amnesty International that

Israeli troops were using exces-

sive force and in some cases firing

the shoulder, residents said.

Arab talks delayed until next week

Explosive silence hangs over Beirut

BEIRUT (Agencies) --- A mysterious silence hung over Beirut Wednesday as residents surveyed the wreckage of five weeks of fighting which has devastated large areas of Lebanon's capital. But shell-shocked people feared the mysterious luil in artil-

lery duels since dawn Tuesday would soon disappear. Only the occasional shellburst broke the "We don't know if we will

sleep in our beds or stay in one Beiruni.
At least 300 people have died and nearly 900 have suffered in-

juries in the worst fighting in Beirot in 14 years of civil war. Angry Lebanese Christians marched in protest Wednesday against dovish members of parliament who called for a ceasefire in the fighting after five weeks of savage shelling that killed at least 231 people.

Major-General Michel Aoun. who heads a military government in the eastern sector, welcomed their protest, telling the 1,100 marchers his "war of liberation" demanded steadfastness, blood and sacrifice.

On the international scene. Western governments, notably France, and Arab states were pressing a round of diplomatic contacts seeking a solution to the Lebanese conflict.

The Arab League, however. put off until next week an emergency foreign ministers' meeting it had hoped to hold in

her

Tunis Friday. A spokesman in Tunis said the meeting would be held next Wednesday.

Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah, head of a six-man Arab League committee seeking a solu-tion to the Lebanese conflict, told reporters in Kuwait some ministers were unable to attend because of prior commitments, and the meeting would now take place Tuesday or Wednesday.

"The postponement of the meeting causes us regret... we had wanted it to be held at the earliest possible moment," he

A hand grenade was thrown overnight at the home of Member of Parliament Edmond Rizk, who acted as a spokesman Tuesday for a group of 23 Christian deputies and read out their ceasefire appeal to reporters. No one was

hurt in the attack. other side of the green line, notably failed to back Aoun's demand that Syria withdraws its 40,000 troops from Lebanon and said that coexistence was the destiny of the Lebanese people.

The demonstrators in east Beirut denounced the dovish deputies, and burned a Syrian flag. Aoun also attacked the United does not wish to intervene in Lebanon. "We're watching a

cannot do anything against Syria it means Syria is a superpower that frightens the United States." France said Wednesday it was stepping up diplomatic efforts to

stop the slaughter in lebanon and said other countries had cause to blush for being passive. President Francois Mitterrand

briefed his cabinet on a flurry of top-level contacts he has held this week on Lebanon.

"The president announced the continuation, in a determined fashion, of this diplomatic action in the coming days," Louis le Pensec, a minister who acts as cabinet spokesman, told repor-

A senior official chided countries which had not joined France's efforts to stop the fighting.

"So far France is the only country which does not need to The group's statement, wel-comed by Muslim leaders on the Hubert Vedrine, Mitterrand's spokesman, said in a radio inter-

> In London, a British government minister called for an urgent ceasefire in Lebanon and said Western powers should work with Arab countries seeking to end the crisis.

"If this doesn't stop soon, there will be no Lebanon for anybody States which has made clear it to govern," Foreign Office Minister William Waldegrave said in a BBC radio interview. "We are all Hollywood comedy played in begging that before the final apo-Washington," he declared. calypse comes there is a pause."



A family braves the bull in Beirut shelling

perienced a wave of violence indiscriminately. (Hamas) for a day of confronta-Mubarak slams

cipation of the PLO.

Gaza Strip hospitals.

CAIRO (Agencies) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak said in remarks published Wednesday that peace in the Middle East appeared impossible so long as Yitzhak Shamir remained prime minister of Israel.

"I see that the continuation of Mr. Shamir in his position, even the continuation of his presence, would make it difficult, even impossible, to reach a just solution or even push peace efforts in the right direction," Mubarak said in an interview with the weekly magazine Al Mussawar.

Mubarak said both he and His Majesty King Hussein viewed Shamir's proposals for elections in the Israeli-occupied territories as a manoeuvre to avoid realistic peace negotiations.

"We both agree that it is nothing more than a glittering headline that disguises intentions of procrastination and complications," Mubarak was quoted as The Palestine Liberation Orga-

nisation (PLO) has said it would support elections only after Israeli forces withdrew from the occupied areas. "I believe their (the PLO's)

demand is right and we support their request," Mubarak said. He told Mussawar editor Makram Mohammad Ahamad that Shamir was wasting time. King

he said were intensifying their role in Israeli society. In a newly published interview Shamir meanwhile suggested he would be willing to talk to sup-porters of the PLO in negotia-

tions for an interim peace settlement, but repeated his longstanding refusal to talk to the organisation itself Shamir also indicated he could

be flexible about American demands for foreign supervision in elections in the occupied territories as part of a peace plan he unveiled in Washington earlier this month.

A public opinion survey pub-lished by the newspaper showed 65 per cent of Israelis supported Shamir's plan.

Jewish settlers in the occupied lands, meanwhile, formed a committee that would seek to "shelve the elections plan which in the end will bring about a Palestimanstate," the Al Hamishmar daily

reported. Israeli army chief Dan Shomron contradicted government leaders to say the PLO was undergoing a serious change in attitude towards Israel and "ter-

"In the PLO they speak — I reiterate 'speak' since nothing yet has happened — but speak of recognising Israel and even re-

nouncing terrorism.
"The fact they are discussing it is in itself a serious change,

Shomron told army radio. His remarks run counter to statement by Israeli leaders who insist there has been no change. In the newspaper interview, Shamir insisted that the plan

would not open the door to Israeli peace talks with the PLO. "No, there cannot be any such negotiations. The PLO is not

interested in peace negotiations. It is interested in only one thing: a Palestinian state," Shamir said.
Shamir also ruled out a possibility that the five-year period of self-rule he has proposed for the occupied territories could develop into a Palestinian state.

If Palestinians tried to turn the "autonomy" into a state, Shamir added, "We will end the entire game. We will restore the situation to what it was previously," But Shamir indicated a new flexibility in his peace proposals,

saving he would consider allowing Palestinians outside the occupied territories to run in the

Iran-Iraq peace talks resume today

GENEVA (Agencies) — Eight months to the day after the gons fell silent on the battlefroot, Iran and Iraq launch a fresh round of peace talks under U.N. auspices Thursday.

But diplomats say their positions remain so wide apart on key issues that prospects for achieving a comprehensive and lasting settlement on the basis of a U.N. Security Council peace plan look as remote as

Foreign Ministers Ali Akbar Velayati of Iran and Tareq Azzz of Iraq held two previous rounds of talks in Geneva last

year and met again in New York in February but made little progress towards turning the truce into peace.

U.N. Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar arrived here Wednesday to host the new round of peace talks as statements from both sides suggested that prospects for progress are bleak.

At an airport press confer-ence, Peres de Chellar agreed that the positions "are still rather far apart" but said it was important to keep the eight-: month-old process going. He declined to make any

forecast but said the mere fact that the two ministers agreed to come to Geneva showed their "interest in finding a negotiated solution,... the full implementation of (the U.N.) ceasefire Resolution 598,"

Arriving earlier, Velayati declined to make any statement except to say "wait and see" when asked what he expected from the new round.

But upon leaving Tehran early Wednesday he made it plain that Iran would not yield in its demand that Iraq must first withdraw all its troops from Iranian territory if the

negotiations were to be unblocked. Aziz, due here Wednesday

evening, accused Iran Tuesday of sabotaging the talks by "procrastination, manoeuvring and insincerity" and warned that the negotiations "could eventually collapse." The talks are scheduled to

start Thursday afternoon at the Palais des Nations, the U.N. office in Geneva, after separate meetings between Perez de Cuellar and each of the two ministers. He said the duration of the talks depended on the

two sides. "If they are prepared to keep on discussing, I am at their disposal." A U.N. spokesman said in New York last week the talks would last at least two days. The only progress achieved

to date has been the release of a limited number of wounded prisoners of war (PoWs). The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)

said recently that during eight years of war just over 1,300 wounded, sick or elderly PoWs were released under its au-Hussein, he said, would probably stress to Bush the importance of

U.N. food convoy attacked in Sudan

attacked the first U.N. food con- operation was launched at the voy carrying famine relief into rebel-held areas of southern Sudan and forced it to return to Kenya, a U.N. official said.

Nils Enqvist, the regional coordinator of the U.N. World Food Programme (WFP) for East Africa, said one truck was blown up and two Kenyan drivers were wounded when the convoy came under fire near Kapoeta, southeastern Sudan Tuesday.

The 16-truck convoy was on its way from Lokichokio in northwestern Kenya to the rebel-held town of Torit when it was ambushed about 30 kilometres west of Kapoeta.

Enqvist said Wednesday that a military escort provided by the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) vanished into the bush as soon as the shooting began and the convoy turned round and returned to Lokichokio.

Kapoeta is deep inside rebel territory, more than 260 kilometres from Juba, the nearest town held by government forces.

Enqvist said the attackers were presumed to be either bandits from a local tribe opposed to the SPLA or remnants of the government's militia. which is known to be still in some rebel-controlled

The trucks were the first U.N.organised relief convoy to cross the Sudanese border from Kenya

Demjanjuk

optimistic

CLEVELAND (AP) -- John De-

mjanjuk's son-in-law says the re-

tired auto worker remains opti-

mistic that he will not be hanged.

despite being convicted in Israel

one year ago of being a Nazi

Even though a hearing on De-

mjanjuk's appeal of the convic-

tion has been postponed several-

times, "he's in good spirits," Ed Nishnic said Tuesday. The

appeal is based strictly on law.

We are confident they will have

A 69-year-old Ukrainian im-

migrant was convicted April 18, 1988, of being the guard who operated the gas chambers at the

Treblinka camp in Nazi-occu-

pied Poland. An estimated 850,000 people were killed at the

Demjanjuk's appeal hearing

before the Israeli supreme court

is set for Nov. 1. He says he is a

Nishnic speaks weekly by tele-

phone to Demjanjuk, who is in

an Israeli prison. He said Dem-

janjuk's defence fund is \$140,000

in debt with legal and travel bills

unpaid. But he added that the

family recently received some

"It looks like we have a new

attorney, but because of the ter-

ror surrounding our defence

team, we have to keep the man's

identity a secret," Nishnic said.

Demjanjuk's former attorney.

Dov Eitan, 53, a former israeli

district judge, died on Nov. 30,

1988, after he fell from the 15th

floor of a hotel in occupied Jeru-

salem in an incident that Israeli

police ruled a suicide. Yoram Sheftel, Demjanjuk's other

Israeli attorney, was attacked by

a 70-year-old Israeli who threw

acid in his face during Eitan's

funeral and injured one of his

Nishnic said a crew from the

CBS Programme "60 Minutes"

has interviewed him and a num-

victim of mistaken identity.

camp in 1942 and 1943.

to let Mr. Demjanjuk go."

camp guard.

NAIROBI (R) - Gunmen since the U.N. lifeline Sudan end of March.

Enqvist said the United Nations would have to organise war insurance for its drivers before attempting to send another convoy to Torit.

Several other relief agencies. including Norwegian people's aid and the International Committee of the Red Cross, were already operating into rebel-held areas of southern Sudan before the U.N. operation was launched.

The U.N. operation has suffered constant delays starting up supply lines to both government and rebel-held areas of the south. Its original aim was to move more than 100,000 tonnes of food into southern Sudan before the start of the rainy season in May.

Famine killed an estimated 250,000 people in the area last year and the United Nations' \$132 million operation is aimed at preventing a further 100,000 deaths this year.

Enqvist said there had also been a delay in starting an airlift of food to Torit from Entebbe in Uganda due to technical difficulties. But he said he hoped the airlift would start later this week with two French-built C-160

Transall planes, possibly Friday. Norwegian people's aid has also begun trucking food from Kenya to Torit, which fell to the SPLA six weeks ago. None of its vehicles has come under attack.

John Demjanjuk

ber of people involved with the

case, including Israeli prosecu-

tors. He is hoping the programme

will run a segment on Demianiuk

that will have an impact similar to

"The Thin Blue Line." a

documentary about Randall Dale

Adams, who served 121/2 years

in prison for killing a Dallas

police officer, was freed in March

after new evidence was unco-

vered and the documentary was

said Tuesday he could not discuss

the "60 Minutes" schedule.

CBS spokesman Roy Burnett

Nishnic contended the three-

judge panel that convicted Dem-

janjuk ignored important evi-

Najibullah seeks talks with Bush

KABUL (R) — Afghan leader Najibullah Wednesday requested a meeting with U.S. President George Bush to offer a peaceful way out of the civil war which has cost more than one million lives in Afghanistan.

He said only negotiations could produce a broad-based govern-ment in a compromise binding his Soviet-backed government and the Mujahedeen guerrillas.

"I would be very happy to meet with Mr. Bush to discuss a solution to the problem of Afghanistan," the Afghan president said in an interview with the U.S. television network, CBS.

arming and financing the Mujahedeen opposed to the Kabul government as morally wrong. The Afghan government has

He described the U.S. policy of

unsuccessfully tried to enter talks with the Mujahedeen leaders publicly and to share power with them in a coalition pending general elections.

The Pakistan-based rebels have also spurned a ceasefire offer from Najibullah, pledging instead

overthrow of his government. . pullout. Najibuliah denounced a U.S. decision earlier this month to appoint an envoy to the Mujahedeen alliance, which is seeking international recognition.

He said the appointment of Peter Tomsen, U.S. charge d'affaires in Peking, was "unrivalled in the history of diplomatic relations. It further complicates the settlement of the Afghanistan problem.'

The Afghan president has por-trayed himself as a devout Muslim dedicated to peace with his arch-enemies since the last Soviet troops left Afghanistan Feb. 15. Najibullah has also pointed to military reverses by the Mujahedeen as proof that his government enjoyed popular support in this land of loose alliances and

The Mujahedeen had argued that his government was only a Soviet puppet unable to stand on

its feet and predicted its downfall

tribal disputes.

to continue the civil war until the within a short space of the Soviet

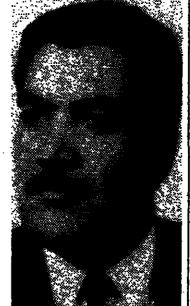
The rebel alliance, financed and armed by the West, set up a rival government shortly after the Soviet pullout in the hope of gaining recognition at the expense of Kabul.

To try to prove its military muscle, Mujahedeen leaders launched an offensive against the city Jalalabad March 5 to capture it as a base for their government.

Afghan government troops, using their air superiority and technical expertise, beat off the attack, forcing a military stale-

Najibullah said there would be no military solution to the civil war, adding the U.S. money spent on arms for the Mujahedeen should be used to find a

political settlement. In a separate interview with the London-based Worldwide Television News, Najibullah said his government had entered secret negotiations with the rebel



Najibullah

He said the talks were being conducted on an individual basis, without naming those involved. They have requested confiden-

tiality. The Afghan government scored a victory over the Mujahedeen Tuesday when a huge convoy of military equipment and food broke through a rebel blockade and arrived in Kabul along the Salang Highway from the Soviet

cent years, but political analysts the Middle East problem." MIDDLE EAST NEWS IN BRIEF

Last 2 AWACS leave S. Arabia WASHINGTON (AP) - The United States has withdrawn the last two of its four AWACS radar-surveillance planes from Sandi

NICOSIA (R) - Iranian authorities have warned women that they

ATHENS (AP) — Greece's official spokesman Tuesday accused ek hank

LARNACA, Cyprus (R) — The French naval hospital ship La Rance arrived at Larnaca Wednesday with 70 Lebanese civil war subsequently flown to hospitals in the Paris area for treatment.

King wins U.S. pledge to build peace process

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dination that mark the relations between Jordan and the United States. And in closing, I would like to express my best wishes to King Hussein and to the people of Jordan for an auspicious month of Ramadan and a blessed

'Eid holiday. Thank you."
Following is the King's statement: "Thank you, Mr. President. It is a great pleasure, as always, to return to the United States, a country with whom Jordan has

enjoyed a special relationship for so many years. "It is even a greater pleasure on this occasion to be meeting with you, Mr. President, a treasured friend of long standing. Your dedication to the service of

your great country has been a

source of inspiration, respect and

admiration to me, as it is to all

who know you. "Mr. President. "I know how devoted you are to the cause of peace. I share this devotion. I sincerely hope that through our common devotion to peace, we can, with those who

peace to the Middle East. with whom I have joined to pursue that peace. I first visited this able. historic house in 1959 to meet

are equally devoted, finally bring

with President Eisenhower. It marked the beginning of a warm and productive relationship between our two countries; a relationship which has flourished because of our shared values, shared interests and shared goals. It is a relationship which my country and I cherish. I am heartened that the talks we are en-

gaged in will contribute to a deepening of this relationship. "One of our goals, which despite 22 years of efforts we have yet to achieve, is a comprehensive settlement of the Arab-Isreali conflict. The principles for that settlement were established many years ago - United Nations Security Council Resolu-tions 242 and 338. These resolutions provide for the withdrawal of Israeli forces from the territories occupied in 1967 in return for

the establishment of peace,

ognised borders, and negotiations

under appropriate auspices to im-

arrangements for secure and rec-

plement these provisions. "Your recent explicit reaffirmation of American support in return for peace, and for the political rights of the Palestinian people, an integral part of any both constructive and commend-

sion by the Palestine Liberation Organisation to accept the right of Israel to exist, to negotiate a settlement with Israel based on Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338, and to renounce terrorism, a significant contribution to peace has been made. This historic decision has the overwhelming support of the Arab World. The decision by the United States to undertake substantive discussions

with the PLO has further improved the prospects for peace. I hope this will prompt Israel to respond similarly to the requirements of peace, and recognise the legitimate representative of the Palestinian people. Peace can neither be negotiated nor

achieved without PLO participa-

"Mr. President. "I believe the basis for peace are already established. What is required is to implement them. The forum for a negotiated comprehensive settlement is a peace conference under the auspices of the United Nations. In my opinion; any steps taken should lead for the end of Israeli occupation to such a conference, if our efforts to arrive at a comprehensive settlement are not to be

East need peace and an end to

diverted.

limitless and far outweigh any advantage which might be gained by any party from continued controversy and conflict. The conditions for peace exist. We all must display the vision and determination ato capitalise on them. "Mr. President,

"Allow me to say, as one of your many friends, and as one who knows well your qualities, abilities, devotion and dedication to the cause of peace, that you are the right leader, in the right office, at the right time. I know the high esteem with which you are held throughout the Middle East. You are in a unique position to help the protagonists in our area to engender the needed trust and hope, and to assist us in bringing the conflict to a just and

durable conclusion. "I can assure you that I fully support you in all your efforts in this ragard.

"May God bless you, Mr. President, your dear family, and the friendly people of these great United States. "Thank You."

After the morning meeting with Bush and a luncheon with Vice-President Dan Quayle, the King was guest of honour at a night. Meetings with congressionble. this tragic and interminable con-"As a result of the recent deci"As a result of the recent deci-

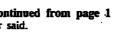
Ministers explain results of Jordan-IMF talks

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dence in the case, including conflicting testimony that placed Demjanjuk in different locations at the time he is accused to have been a Nazi guard. Demjanjuk was extradited to Israel in 1986 after U.S. District

Judge Frank Battisti of Cleveland ruled that he had lied on his immigration application when he came to the United States in

Demjanjuk, who lived in a Cleveland suburb for 30 years, acknowledged the falsehood. He said he told immigration authorities he was a farm worker in Poland during World War II because he was afraid he would be returned to the Soviet Union. Nishnic said.



Odeh said the agreement with the

Jordanian dinar's exchange rates;

IMF aimed to achieve the following 1. Re-establishing confidence in the

national economy — something which entails measures to stabilise the Creating national economic "growth forces" to maintain a fourper cent growth over the coming four

3. Increasing the national economy's potential and emphasising greater re-liance on local revenues; 4. Controlling forces of inflation and achieving economic stability.

Odeh said the government and the IMF had reached agreement on means of gradually reducing the budget deficit; from 23 per cent in 1988 to 20 per cent in 1989. This, he said, will make available nearly JD 58 million. This step, he added, will lead to reducing the budget deficit margin to 17 per cent by 1990, 14 per cent in 1991, 12 per cent in 1992 and 10 per

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more and look for new markets cent in 1993. According to the minister, such steps will reduce the deficit in the country's trade balance and boost its foreign currency reserves. The IMF-Jordan agreement, the minister said, covered such questions as credit facilities, interest rates and

loans from foreign sources.

He said that reducing the budget deficit could be done through controlling and reducing expenditure and tightening control on the country's

taxation system by making all taxpayers pay their dues to the treasury. Odeh said the government would announce measures to reduce spending in the Kingdom by the end of

April.

The minister stressed that public organisations should exert efforts to increase their revenues and augment the treasury's income,

More confidence in the Jordanian dinar and the country's economic programmes are bound to provide more money transfers from abroad.

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abroad and that there were optimistic He said that stimulating tourism

and bringing in more visitors is another way of enhancing the national economy.

The minister revealed that the goverriment plans to impose complete

control over imports to maintain a reasonable inflow of goods, and will try to improve the quality of national products to boost their competitiveness abroad. Once the exports are increased, the

minister added, the country will have greater amounts of foreign reserves, which in turn will boost the Jordanian dinar's exchange rate.
The minister said that the govern-

ment's corrective measures to be carried out in cooperation with the IMF-aim at rescheduling external debts. He said an agreement with the World Bank aims at enabling the Kingdom to increase its exports and arrive at a the minister said. to increase its exports and arrive at a

He said Jordanians had to export programme that would reduce the

effects of the government's measures on limited income groups. Addressing the meeting, Supply

Minister Fayez Al Tarawneh said th national programme to stimulate the economy would not affect the basic foodstuffs like wheat, sugar, rice and

continue to provide subsidy for these commodities and ensure the arrival here of fresh and frozen meat on a The government had to raise the price of milk from 720 fils per kilog-

ramme to JD 1 recently due to a rise in price in the countries of the European Community, he explained. Minister of Information Hani Kha-

sawneh said that the meeting was to orient the journalists and writers on the outcome of the IMF-Jordanian meetings and to brief them on the country's economic policies. He said that the situation calls for all citizens to shoulder their national responsibi-

Other Flights (Terminal 2)

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Israel expects full ties with Hungary

TEL AVIV (R) - Israeli Prime believe Budapest would like to Minister Yitzhak Shamir said on his return from a surprise trip to Budapest Wednesday that he expected Hungary would soon restore full ties severed with Israel

over the 1967 war. Shamir said the meeting, "initiated" by Hungary, focused on improving relations with the Soviet bloc and on his proposal. for Palestinian elections in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and

Gaza Strip. "They wanted to hear about our peace initiative," Shamir told Israel Radio. "According to the course that has been set, normal relations will come in the near

future." He declined to name a Shamir's office kept quiet beforehand about the 24-hour visit that began Monday night, even

denying rumours Sunday that it was about to take place. The Soviet bloc, except; for

state occupied the territories.

Romania, cut relations with Israel in 1967 when the Zionist Hungary and Israel have ex-

changed interest sections in re-

Minister Miklos Nemeth and Communist Party leader Karol Grosz who has close ties with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev. But political scientists said if

ited States.

Shamir wanted to send a message to Moscow he would not go

upgrade relations, hoping to win

more favourable trade terms

from Israel's closest ally, the Un-

Shamir met Hungarian Prime

through Hungary. Galia Golan, an Israeli Sovietologist at Hebrew University, said: "The days are gone when Shamir has to talk to the

Soviets through Eastern Europe." The Soviet Union, which also cut ties with Israel in 1967, has increased contacts with the Zion-

ist state in the past two years and their foreign ministers have met twice recently.

An official statement quoted by Hungary's state news agency MTI said: "The Hungarian side stressed that the development of Hungarian-Israeli relations should also further the solution of

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Arabia thanks to the ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war, the Defence Department said Tuesday. The withdrawal of two of the huge early-warning planes along with two tanker aircraft occurred last weekend, said Keith Schneider, a Pentagon spokesman. The four planes arrived back in the United States at Tinker air force base, Oklahoma, Monday, he added. The first of the AWACS planes had been withdrawn last January, with the second following in March. The Saudis have five of the planes in their own air force, but the United States deployed additional AWACS during the height of fighting in the Gulf two years ago. The U.S. planes, in cooperation with the Saudi aircraft, flew continuous surveillance missions over the Gulf while U.S. navy ships were escorting oil

Iran warns women of whip

may be punished by up to 74 lashes if they wear make-up or see-through stockings in public. A notice by the state security council printed in Iranian newspapers this week warned that laws punishing violators of hijab (Islamic covering) would be strictly enforced from Friday. Warning against "hijablessness" of the face, body and legs, the notice listed eight types of violations. These include exposing the hair in a vulgar way, using lipstick and eye-shadow in a provocative manner, wearing clothes that accentuate body curves, and wearing see-through stockings not covered by trousers. Men are also warned that they should not wear "gaudy clothes which are at odds with public decency.

Papandreou defends suit against Time

Time magazine of distorting the truth in an interview it published Papandreou received millions of dollars in payoffs. "Justice is the only road of defence against the distortion of truth and an attempt to blemish the honour of the country's premier," government spokesman Sotiris Kostopoulos said in defending Papandreou's suit against Time for defamation. The libel suit against Time by Papandreou was filed in London, his lawyer, Leonard Boudin. announced in New York Monday. Boudin said the suit was initiated in London because the Time interview with former chairman of the Bank of Crete, George Koskotas, was more damaging abroad than in the United States. He added that in England, Papandreou need only show the story written about him was defamatory and injured his reputation. Time said it was unable to obtain Papandreou's "substantial reaction" to the Koskotas interview before it was published in its March 13 issue despite repeated attempts to do so. Kostopoulos, commenting on the magazine's statement at his daily press briefing, said "There can be no dialogue between those who adopt and publicise the lies of a fugitive swindler and acclaim disinformation with a so-called journalistic responsibility."

French hospital ship arrives at Cyprus

Bahrain (GF)

casualties to be flown to France for treatment. The injured were being taken by ambulance from the port to Larnaca's international airport. Some 70 Lebanese were ferried by motor boat to the hospital ship lying three miles off the southern Lebanese port of Sidon Tuesday as part of a French emergency relief effort for civilians injured in five weeks of unrelenting artillery bombardments. The ship late last week took aboard 14 casualties who were

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National News

U.S. increases aid to NMI

AMMAN (Petra) — The Cabinet Wednesday endorsed an agree-ment with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) under which the latter will increae its assistance to the National Medical Institution (NMI) to \$250,000, np from \$100,000.

The funds will be used by the NMI for health planning prog-rammes. The Cabinet also decided that Jordan should take part in a meeting by Arab minis-ters of labour which will be held in Geneva on June 5 before the start of the 76th meeting of the International Labour Organisation (ILO).

Jordan will be represented at the ILO meeting by Minister of Transport and Telecommunica-tions Khaled Al Haj Hassan who will be accompanied by two offi-cials from the Ministry of Labour. According to a statement which was concluded during Wednesday, the Council of Ministers also approved an inter-

national agreement reached at an international meeting in the Swiss city of Basel last month on dumping of perilons waste. It also empowered Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Marwan Hmoud to sign the document on behalf of Jordan. Hmoud attended the meeting in Basel along with delegates from different countries.

The statement said that the Cabinet approved of an agreement on cooperation in sports and youth affairs with Egypt for the years 1989, 1990 and 1991. The agreement aims to deepen relations between the two countries in these fields, and paves the way for an exchange of visits by officials and sports teams and youth groups from either country. The council also approved of a similar agreement with Syria which was concluded during a visiting by the minister of youth

Tunisian fair opens today

AMMAN (J.T.) — A Tunisian industrial fair will open in Amman Thursday and will last until the end of April, according to press reports here Wednesday. The reports said that the fair, the fourth of its kind to be held in Jordan, will display a variety of goods including foodstuffs, clothings, home appliances, electric equipment, scents, cosmetics, and traditional crafts.

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According to the reports the 10-day fair will allow members of the public to buy directly in accordance with an agreement between the Tunisian and Jordanian governments.

In June Jordan plans to hold its fourth industrial fair in the Tuni-

sian capital, displaying a variety of national products. Ministry of Industry and Trade officials said that the Jordanian fair in Tunis will be allowed to

sell \$2.5 million worth of products to the public.

Last year, Tunisia held a 10day fair at the Greater Amman

Municipality building, displaying national products and selling directly to the public. Agreement on holding fairs in

Tunis and Amman was reached during talks here by a Tunisian delegation which visited Jordan in January 1989. The two sides also discussed the work of the Jordanian and Tunisian trade centres in Amman and Tunis.

Arabs exhibit at Seville

TUNIS (Petra) — Jordan will be among 12 Arab countries which will take part in an international exhibition that will be held in the Spanish city of Seville to mark the 500-year anniversary of the discovery of America by Christopher Colombus, according to Jordan's Ambassador to Tunisia Sataan Al Hassan.

Hassan said that the Arab countries' participation in the exhibition is designed as a show of the strong economic, political and cultural relations between the Arab World and Spain, and to underline the role of the Arab and Muslim culture and its influence on Spain and the European continent until the 15th century

said that the Arab coun-

tries' participation is bound to help expose Israel's attempts to distort Arab culture, and to put an end to Zionist ambitions in the Arab World.

Hassan, who heads an Arab committee coordinating affairs related to the Arab World's participation in the coming exhibition, said that Arab countries will be represented at one great pavilion and the displayed items will reflect the Arab and Islamic heritage and relations with Spain over the centuries.

According to Hassan, the fol-lowing Arab countries will take part in the exhibition: Jordan, Kuwait, Libya, Iraq, Syria, Tunisia, Saudi Arabia, Morocco, Oman, Algeria, Mauritania, and

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

TRAFFIC DAY: Balqa governorate is preparing for the celebrations of the World Traffic Day and the Arab Traffic Week, which will be held on May 14. The governorate will distribute posters, bulletins and fix road signs to aware people of the need to adhere to the traffic rules. Also in Karak, preparations are underway to mark the two occasions on May 4. Karak Governor Mohammad Hussein Al Shobaki stressed the need for putting an end to the road accidents, organising traffic and finding suitable solutions to avoid traffic jams

ECONOMY: Industry and Trade Minister Hamdi Tabbaa Tuesday discussed with chairman and members of the board of the Jordan Brick Industries a number of issues of interest to the company, with the aim of helping it play an active role in supporting national economy. Tabbaa also met with Greater Amman Mayor Abdul Ra'ouf Al Rawabdeh and reviewed with him scopes of cooperation between the ministry and Amman Municipality (Petra).

THEATRE: Under the patronage of Minister of Culture and National Heritage Mohammad Hammouri, the Intermediate University College, in cooperation with the ministry, holds its second theatre festival for the community colleges in Jordan, during the period April 22-30. The festival, which will be entitled "towards a developed Jordanian theatre," will be held at the Royal Cultural Centre (Al

HEALTH INSURANCE: An adhoc committee in charge of drawing up a health insurance scheme for civil servants and the military, who are insured in accordance with a government insurance plan, has drafted the new regulation and will submit it to the Prime Ministry for debate and approval. The committee groups representatives for the Ministry of Health and the National Medical Insurance (Al

GAS: The recent increase in the prices of gas is not attributable to a world price rise, but to contribute towards reducing the government budget, according to a responsible source in the Natural Resources Authority. The source added that the gas found recently at Al Risheh area needs treatment before it becomes suitable for household consumption (Al Dustour).

WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

EXHIBITIONS

- * An art exhibition displaying paintings by children at the Housing Bank Complex.
- An art exhibition by French artist Jean-Francois Noble at Haya
- An art exhibition by Jordanian and Iraqi artists at the Royal Cultural Centre.

ramadan souq

- ☆ Ramadan open-air market, which includes foodstoff, clothes, home appliances and children's toys at Mahatta, eastern
- □ International Ramadan Song, in which 14 Arab and Islamic countries are taking part, at the International Auto Centre, Queen Alia International Airport Highway.

FILMS

- * Two Iraqi films shown as part of the Iraqi Cultural Week: The
- first satisfied "Ap Iraqi Wedding," Thursday, and the other entitled "6/6," Friday, at the Royal Cultural Centre. A feature than entitled "Rumpelstiltskin" at the American Centre 4:00 p.m.

WHO team briefed on occupied lands Malhas: Palestinian deprived

Qatanani: Hospitals stormed

(WHO) mission now on a visit to Jordan that more than a million Palestinians are suffering from deprivation and oppression under Israeli occupation rule, and their health condition is deteriorating due to lack of proper health facilities.

Malhas said that the Israeli authorities demolished 25,000 Arab homes over the past 20 years of its occupation of Arab territories and took measures designed to aggravate the health conditions of Arab citizens under its rule.

The WHO fact-finding team which arrived here Tuesday evening on a two-day visit to Jordan

By Najwa Najjar

Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - Following the re-cent price increases of several

goods and services, most Jorda-

nians say that they have been affected substantially, according

to a limited survey conducted by

The survey, a random sample

of people from different social

classes of Jordanian men and

women in the 20-60 age range,

found that Jordanians expect dif-

Those items with a price hike,

which could be cut from the

individual's life such as cigarettes,

alcohol, soft drinks and tele-

phone calls were cut. People have

already reduced allocations for

One supermarket employee

these items from their budgets

has cut down to one pack of

cigarettes a week instead of his

usual two to three packs. A

secretary at the university of Jor-

dan used to smoke a pack of

cigarettes a day, she has now

decided that one a week is

A columnist said in passing that

A newly married secretary said

that due to the increase in prices of soft drinks, "I think water is the best drink." Her friend has

already asked for the "O" hole in

his telephone set to be removed.

so that all international calls must

be routed through the operator,

"lessening the temptation to call

But, what about the commod-

ities that Jordanians cannot

afford to live without; Petrol.

solar, kerosene, fuel oil, deter-

gents, whose prices were con-siderably increased. Most inter-

viewees said they would have to

make up for the price difference by eliminating other items.

A bank employee said, buying clothes is definitely now

out of the question." While a

stone cutter suggested that in-stead of buying new clothes, "I will now have to buy clothes for

my children from the second-

A housewife said that she

needed "double the amount of

money" to buy the same amount

of goods for her home. "Before. I

used to buy items needed or not.

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The international

division of Marriott

Corporation has

announced that

Miss Fadia

Mouasher, sales

manager at the

Amman Marriott Hotel has won their

prestigious award

for "Outstanding

Sales Person — 1st Quarter, 1989."

Mr. Bloch,

senior vice presi-

dent, sales and

outside frequently.

he will be hesitant to serve alco-

hol at home. "Guests will prob-

the Jordan Times.

ficult times ahead.

AMMAN (Petra) — Health heard the minister giving details about the fast deteriorating World Health Organisation health situation in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, Israel's violations of people's human rights and their actions that contradict the WHO's principles.

The minister also spoke about

the condition of Arab children who, he said, are exposed to Israeli soldiers' bullets, beating, and are deprived of the right to food, vaccination and hospitalisation. Malhas also referred to the deteriorating conditions in Israeli jails where thousands of Arab citizens are being held. He gave details about Israel's inhuman practices against Arab hospitals, clinics and ambulances that provide treatment to the Palestinian

More difficult times expected

brand.

for survival."

force people to adjust

Now, I buy, not only the neces-sary items, but I check the prices

to see which is the cheaper

Two civil servants pointed out

that trips to the hairdressers and

drycleaners would lessen con-

siderably. One civil servant said,

"what scares me is that the rise in

prices while wages remain con-

stant may threaten the education

He explained that some fami-

lies may find a tawjihi level of

education sufficient for their chil-

dren, since university fees may "sap them of the funds necessary

A messenger said that he could

not afford to buy the sup-plementary milk for his three

month baby and that the baby

must now derive all its nutrition

tomatoes now because it is too

expensive, so we do without it."

six times more for his irrigation

water said with dismay that even

if he did eliminate other goods

from his life, his crops need the

same amount of water he used

previously. "We cannot use less

water because the vegetation

needs a certain amount, and must

receive that amount regardless of

the price of water." This will eventually lead to higher prices

for fruits and vegetables, com-

An employee of a private com-

pany was also disheartened as she

noted that people in Jordan could

not do without some of the essen-

tials with a price hike. "We have

to buy solar and gas. What are we

supposed to do, freeze in winter?

or stop cooking? or stop driving our cars? ...We can't consider

such items luxury goods."
One particular daily labourer,

who makes four to five dinars a

day, believes the day will come

when he and his family will go

hungry. "How can I afford to pay

rent, pay for fuel and feed my

wife and two children?" he

His working partner, an Egyptian, said that not only do they

have to pay to survive, but why

"one Jordanian dinar as televi-

sion tax when I do not even have

He plans to return to Egypt

"I have no other choice. I came

to Jordan to save money, now

the situation is the opposite."

a television?"

Fadia Mouasher excels

mented an ambassador.

A student said, "we can't buy

But, the farmer who has to pay

from its mother's milk.

Price adjustment

with the President of the Jordanian Medical Association Mansdouh Al Abbadi who said that Israel continues to ban the establishment of Arab hospitals in the occupied territories. He referred to the closure of a number of clinics and hospitals since the

1967 · waг. The ongoing intifada has resulted in a great number of injured people; and there is great need at present for doctors, medical supplies and health and medical facilities in the occupied areas, Abbadi noted. He said that many Arab physicians and spe-cialists have been detained by the Israeli authorities to stop them from providing medical assistance to the Palestinian people.

Some interviewees said that

A secretary at the University of

they tried to substitute for certain

Jordan said that her family was

considering putting heavy cur-tains and wall-to-wall carpeting in

their home to insulate the heat in

the home.. In addition the fuel

for heaters would be replaced

with wood, "and instead of a

heater in every room, we will

have to do with one warm room."

terviewed were planning to buy cars, but as one put it, "so much

for the car or for travelling for that

matter." 'An agricultural en-

gineer, who used to drive to

Amman from Zarka every day,

has now opted for the public

Even those who tried to purch-

ase certain goods, "We found

them to be more expensive," said

one labourer. He said that when

he had the money to buy certain

goods, "the shopowner tells me

that he does not have any left. He

is waiting for their prices to rise

.The increase of prices may

mean an increase of sharing

among Jordanians many express-

ed the belief. One lawyer said

that carpooling is becoming a

common part of her life. "The

other day, four families were

going to the same place. Instead

of taking four cars, we decided

that we could all fit in two cars." Several of the young men inter-

viewed said that they were hesi-

tant to commit themselves to

marriage, preferring to stay at

before he sells me any."

Several of those who were in-

products.

transport.

Speaker of Upper House of Pariament Ahmad Lawzi (centre) Wednesday receives a European

Europarliamentarians denounce elections under occupation

AMMAN (Petra) — The head of a visiting European parliamen-tary team Wednesday denounced Israel's call for elections in the occupied West Bank as a step designed to find substitutes for the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO); and said that it

was not a realistic move. The group leader said that the Palestinians in the occupied territories are not against elections which they demand should be held after an Israeli withdrawal from occupied areas and that they should be held under United Nations supervision. The group members who also represent the European-Arab Cooperation Society said that they had visited the occupied West Bank and wit-nessed the inhuman treatment of the Palestinian people by the Israeli authorities. The Israelis are treating the Palestinians brutally and violating all forms of

human rights, they added. The European parliament sup-

to establish a just and durable peace in the region, and backs his call for an international conference which is the most acceptable formula for the achievement of peace under U.N. auspices, the group leader said at a meeting with Speaker of the Upper House of Parliament Ahmad Al Lawzi and House members. The meeting reviewed the general conditions of the Palestinian people under Israeli rule and Israel's daily atrocities and repressive measures against the Palestinian people. Addressing the visitors,

and the recognition of the Palestinian people's rights. Lawzi told the group members who are on a current fact finding tour of the region and an investigation of the situation in the occupied territories, that Jordan has been

Lawzi said that Israel remains the

only party that continues to reject

peace bids, a withdrawal of Israeli troops from Arab lands

ports King Hussein's endeavours seeking a just and durable settlement based on exchanging land for peace and the restoration of the Palestinian people's rights. Referring to Jordan's decisio:

to sever legal and administrative links with the West Bank, Law. said that the move was designe to enable the Palestinians to shoulder their own responsibilities and to enhance their identity. Jordan, he said, will continue to extend all possible support to the Palestinians to enable them to regain their national rights.

Lawzi said that Europe and the Middle East are closely linked through various interests and cultural and historical relations. He urged European parliaments and governments to play a mor effective role in bringing about just and comprehensive peace. The meeting took place soon after the arrival here of the group's members from a visit to the occupied Arab lands which

Since last February, the com-

pany began manufacturing 59

types of spare parts needed for its

vehicles, a project which will be

expanded and strengthened. The

company which was established in 1980 has its workshops

Aqaba to provide maintenance

work to the 900 vehicle fleet. The

company has a capital of \$50

million shared equally between

Jordan and Iraq. Its vehicl.

transport passengers and goods

mostly between Iraq and Jordan. The Iraqi delegation to the

meeting earlier met with Minister

of Transport and Telecor

munications Khaled Al Haj Has-

san to discuss means of promot-

ing bilateral cooperation in trans-

port fields.

1988 profit JD 1 million

IJLTC board meets

accounts, as well as plans and

In its two-day meeting the

board will discuss plans to control

and rationalise spending, a report

on production in the first quarter

of 1989, and the company's op-

erations between Aqaba and

Baghdad, as well as the com-

pany's participation in transport-ing Jordanian phosphates from the mines to the port city of

Jamil Ibrahim, the company's

director general, said in a state-

ment here that the company last

vear realised a JD 1 million pro-

fit, and nearly JD 667,000 profit in

the first three months of 1989.

programmes for 1989.

Agaba.

AMMAN (Petra) - The board discuss the company's general of directors of the Iraq-Jordan budget and last year's final Land Transport Company (ULTC) Wednesday met here to

Cultural festival

AMMAN (J.T) — Jordanian community colleges will organise a cultural festival on April 22 in cooperation with the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage.

home "until the economic situation improves or we have more that Minister of Culture Mohammoney... whatever comes first." Overall, those interviewed agreed that it wuld be very difficult to make ends meet as long as their wages remain the same, their dinar has a purchasing power 50 per cent less than six months ago and prices continue to increase. | evening.

A report in the local press said

mad Hammouri will open the festival which will feature plays by Jordanian playwrights. The report said that the week-long festival will be held at the Royal Cultural Centre; and all sessions will take place at eight in the

Amman City Orchestra gives anniversary concert

City Orchestra, a group of Jordanian and expatriate musicians, will give a concert Thursday to mark the first anniversary of its establishment, according to an announcement. The orchestra, an affiliate of the Noor Al Hussein Foundation's National Music Conservatory (NMC), will play works by Offenbach, Verdi, Haydn, Beethhoven, Rimsky-Korsakov and others at the Amman Baccalaureate School

From the very beginning, the NMC extended much support to the orchestra in the form of rehearsal facilities, instruments and music. This support was later strengthened when the orchestra formally became an NMC affili-

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Amman ate. The orchestra made its debut in a pool-side concert at the Marriott Hotel on June 30, 1988. The programme, which included six works, was well-received and much appreciated by the 350-strong enthusiastic audience.

> flute players, one aboist, four clarinet players, five trumpeters, two trombonists, two percussion players, one pianist, nine violinists, one viola player and one double base player. They include 14 expatriates and 17 Jordanians, of whom some are expatriates married to Jordanians. The orchestra welcomes any musi-

The orchestra includes five

cians wishing to join.

Rehearsals take place every Monday evening at 7.15 at the National Music Conservatory.

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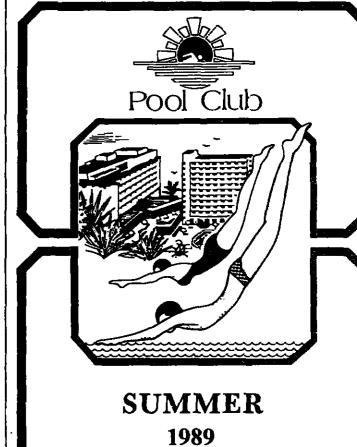
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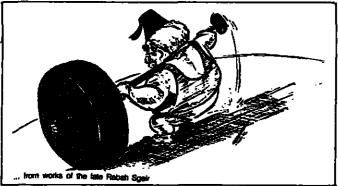
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Patience

THE disturbances in some cities and towns in southern Jordan Tuesday demonstrate that what concerns the average citizen most is how to take care of his bread and butter issues rather than heed macroeconomic and fiscal policies as sound and proper as they are. It will be recalled that the agreement reached between Jordan and the International Monetary Fund necessitated the application of a string of economic and financial measures which in their cumulative effect caused rises in prices of commodities that touch the daily lives of Jordanians. There is a consensus in the country and outside it, however, that the medicine prescribed to Jordan to heal its fiscal and economic woes is indispensable albeit it hit the pockets of some consumers in a biting way. The avowed aim of the remedial programme of action is to cut expenses and increase revenues for the state. No one can quarrel with these legitimate objectives. What was perhaps missing in the composition of the prescribed medicine is a built-in mechanism to ease the hardships that naturally ensue to some consumers from the application of the corrective measures. It is common knowledge that the average man on the street thinks simplistically and pragmatically about economic and business matters. For example, if transport costs would have to be hiked up because of increases in the prices of gasoline, he or she would want to know how to get that extra income to pay for such an increase in transport costs. And from the vantage point of the average consumer, what applies to gasoline should apply to other services and commodities as well. The crux of the issue, therefore, is how to reconcile between two clearly legitimate and reasonable concerns, namely, the need to correct the economic and fiscal paths of the country while at the same time protecting the average and the underprivileged citizen from creeping inflation.

The government is clearly trying very hard to accommodate the two goals. The best evidence of this is its insistence, in spite of strong IMF and economists' advice to the contrary, to maintain subsidies to basic food staples to the tune of JD 66 million. There are strong arguments in favour of extending the list of what constitutes basic requirements of life in Jordan to cover such foods as milk and meat and such commodities as heating and cooking fuel. An alternaliving adjustment schemes for low income groups among Jordanians. A scale of salaries and incomes can be devised for this purpose at bearable cost to the country.

Meanwhile all Jordanians must bear in mind that while not all of our economic and financial problems would vanish in five years, which is the duration of the Jordanian-IMF agreement, most of them will; and by then, we all in Jordan stand to recover the prosperity that fumbled. A little patience is therefore in order.



JORDAN PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i daily said Wednesday that Jordanian people can and must overcome the present circumstances and adapt to the new situation and the difficult time they are going through. It said that with vigilance and perseverance, and with determination the Jordanian family had proved able to cope with difficult situations in the past and took share in supporting the government's measures designed to stimulate the economy and control spending. The rise in prices of certain commodities and the government's economic measures were deemed necessary under the present circumstances, and all citizens should take their share in shouldering the responsibility to boost the national economy, the paper noted. It said that Jordan is going through a difficult stage along with the other countries in the region, but it is confident that its people will overcome the present difficulties.

A columnist in Al Ra'i daily comments on Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's refusal to withdraw his troops from the occupied Arab territories to pave the way for elections. Mahmoud Rimawi says that Shamir also refuses to involve the people of Jerusalem in the coming elections because he claims they are subject to Israeli law since the city was annexed by Israel after the 1967 war. According to the writer, Shamir also refuses any form of international supervision on the elections, and demands that the intifada should stop before any elections can be held under Israeli law. But he says that Shamir and the Israelis are not to be trusted. and he recalls the election of the Arab mayors who were later killed or evicted from their homes. The writer notes that while Sharnir was in America trying to convince the world that the elections were good for the Arabs his troops were stepping up their atrocities against the Palestinian Arabs who, he claims, will benefit from the elections. Clearly, the writer says, the Israeli government is trying to deceive the world's public opinion with contradicting statements and actions.

Al Dustour daily tackles King Hussein's visit to the United States and his efforts to bring about peace to the Middle East. The King's visit assumes significance and importance as it comes in the midst of a new American diplomatic activity to find a settlement for the Palestine issue, the paper noted. It said that Washington is currently in touch with the PLO in Tunis and with its European allies with the aim of promoting the march towards peace. The paper said that Jordan looks with optimism towards the American moves, despite the current difficulties and complexities; and hopes that the U.S. administration will maintain its present concern over the situation in our region and will work hard to end Israel's occupation of Palestinian land.

Any way out for Lebanon?

By P.V. Vivekanand

FOR the past several years political pundits, Western as well as Arab, have been advocating that a solution to the Lebanese imbroglio should originate from the Lebanese themselves and anv outside interference would only further aggravate the factional strife that plagued the country for decades. But, the ferocious battles that the Lebanese witnessed since March 14 have proved beyond any doubt that Lebanon is further than ever from making an attempt at making peace with itself. If anything, the same Lebanese leaders who repeatedly issued "hands-off-our-country" warnings are now looking frantically outside, seeking help to end the conflict. Sure enough, takers are many; as is evident in the flurry of international dialogue that the French president, Francois Mitterrand, has launched with the leaders of the big powers as well as the Arab World. Moscow is in touch with Syria: Washington is consulting the rightists entrenched in east Beirut; the Arab League Council is holding an emergency session; the U.N. secretary-general has declared Lebanon as the top priority in his agenda. Wires are burning among Arab capitals on how to approach the issue.

It may seem premature at this point in time to judge what could come out of an international/Arab effort over Lebanon since all parties involved in the conflict appear to have thrown all they have into a once-and-for-all confrontation. Seen in this light it may not be presumptuous to see the latest flare-up, the fiercest yet in Lebanon's living history, as a turning point in the conflict since it may very well signal the beginning of the end to the protracted factional strife.

Having said that, one cannot easily ignore the deep wounds that the frantic violence has left behind. The devastated buildings that now provide a nightmarish backdrop to the once-beautiful Lebanese capital could be repaired and rebuilt; but what about the scars that the violence inflicted on the life of almost everyone in Lebanon - whether Lebanese or otherwise? Will the Lebanese be able to forget and forgive those responsible for the violent death of the dozens of thousands dear and near to them? Only the Lebanese can answer this question; and the answer better be affirmative, since there lies the only key to a resurrected

The sheer nature of the Lebanese conflict - the empty sense of. righteousness and "an-cyc-for-an-cyc-and-a-tooth-for-a-tooth" rivalry --- warrants that it should be tackled, rightly or not, by Arabs themselves. That is not to say that international efforts should be spurned. On the contrary, the non-Arab parties — large and small — should throw their weight behind the Arab League effort and adopt a neutral stand over the basic conflict, dissuading all — the Israelis foremost — to stay put. No-one needs to remind the international community that Lebanese strife was fanned into full blaze by the festering Palestinian problem and a total end to it could only come through a comprehensive solution of the fundamental Arab-Israeli conflict.

It is not an enviable task that lies ahead of the Arab leaders since the scenario involves a direct linkage between the basic

Middle East conflict and the Lebanese problem and this linkage should be driven home to the international community, whose leaders have been issuing repeated statements of concern and alarm over the mushrooming violence in Palestine as well as Lebanon. If their concern is indeed genuine, then it is time for the world leaders to accept the fact that Lebanon would never see the rays of peace as long as the Palestinian question is left unresolved.

Seen in this light, the postponement of the Arab League Council's meeting until next week from this Friday indicates a deep awareness of the seriousness of the responsibilities that the Arab League has to shoulder in tackling the Lebanese situation. The stage has to be set for a no-holds barred discussion of the

issues involved before the council could meet. Needless to say, it will not exactly be a picnic for the Arab leaders, whether meeting in the Maghreb or Mashrek, since a turn to settling differences in the best interests of the Arab World needs long-term vision - something which some Arab leaders appear to shun, as was seen in past efforts at reconciliation through understanding of the common Arab aspirations.

There is little doubt that an effort to resolve the Lebanese conflict with any chance of success could only be launched from a strong, no-nonsense Arab platform after order has been restored to the Arab house, thus making it clear in no ambiguous terms to the foreign powers that inter-Arab differences are no longer an element in the Lebanese strife and the Lebanese waters are no longer too murky to fish around.

SWAPO seeks to bolster image after incursion

By Laurinda Keys The Associated Press

WINDHOEK, Namibia — Leaders of the legal, internal wing of Namibia's guernilla movement were addressing a rally on April 1, saying the insurgents had done their job and now civilian supporters should do theirs by working to win independence elections

But the guerrillas weren't inished. They weren't waiting in their camps in Angola for an orderly, unarmed return to Namibia in May. Hundreds were crossing the border, with weapons, in the largest incursion of their 23year war for independence from South Africa.

The result was more than 275 guerrillas killed by security forces, one of SWAPO's worst defeats at a time when it sought to show itself as a victorious

Daniel Tjongarero, national chairman of the South-West Africa People's Organisation, says he doesn't yet know why such action was taken, but he isn't overly worried about its impact on the elections.

"Politicians can explain anything," he said in an interview. Explanations from SWAPO's external leaders have varied: From denial that there was an incursion, to a claim that guerrillas entered to protect Namibiabased comrades who were attacked by South Africans, to a widely rejected argument that SWAPÓ units were entitled to go to bases in Namibia on April 1 — even

though no such bases existed. Namibians wonder why such risky action was taken on the day a United Nations plan was implemented that would have brought independence after November elections that SWA-PO was favoured to win.

SWAPO's opponents, and South African officials, suggest SWAPO began to fear the exposure of a political campaign. But even the heavy guerrilla losses and the near-collapse of the independence plan may not cut very far into SWAPO's political sup- guerrillas who weren't even pre-

"Let's wait to see the outcome of the election. That will tell

whether people are angry with SWAPO," Tjongarero said.
He is anxious to go north to Ovamboland, the site of the fighting and the major source of SWAPO support. "We have to do a damage assessment," he

He said the attitude of Ovambo residents will depend on what the guerrillas have been telling the people - what purpose they had in coming."

Civilians also would be influ-

enced by the impact the fighting had on them, Tjongerero said. As soon as security force units were deployed to combat the incursion, residents reported renewed harassment. Villagers pointed to chewed-up fields and flattened huts after armoured vehicles crashed through the bush tracking the guerrillas.

"Namibians might think this was a treacherous act by the South Africans, to attack the pared to fight," Tjongarero said. Internationally, the task of repairing SWAPO's image may be

tougher than inside Namibia.
"We have to go out in the world and explain to people who have been supportive," Tjon-garero said. "One has to accept that the South Africans took the media in very effectively. Whatever confusions there were, they have jumped on them in a deliberate attempt to taint SWA-PO's image."

The overseas image is important. SWAPO was expecting aid from Nordic, East bloc and African countries, and from humanitarian groups, to match aid SWAPO opponents may get from South Africans.

In a campaign in which SWA-PO will want to convince whites that their futures are secure, the organisation may be hurt by the impression that it does not keep

Also unflattering is the image of a disorganised external lead-

major military decision without knowing the situation inside

"Anyone who sends an army across an international border. and then a week later calls it back, has a screw loose," said top Western diplomat after SWA-PO's allies, the Angolans and Cubans, forced SWAPO President Sam Nujoma to recall his

Many guerrillas apparently were caught by surprise, gather-ing in large groups, in full uni-form, as if they expected to be escorted to bases supervised by U.N. monitoring forces. If that was the case, the fighters were tragically misinformed by their

"We assume the people (outside the country) might not have known that the United Nations transition assistance group was not fully deployed." Tjongarero

ership that apparently made a United Nations. If its leaders garero said.

believed the U.N. had bases in Namibia for guerrillas to go to, why did no one find out where those bases were?

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SWAPO officials had 11 years to resolve doubts about the 1978 U.N. plan, but they expressed surprise that paramilitary police units were still patrolling on April 1. U.N. resolution 435 allows this during the transition to independ-

The resolution required combatants to be in bases on April 1. South African army units complied and SWAPO did not, a situation that gave South Africa a huge public relations boost.

SWAPO's external foreign secretary. Theo Ben-Gurirab, said South Africa knew guerrillas were gathering on the border and prepared an ambush of them. It may never be known who fired first. But no ambush could have happened if SWAPO hadn't crossed the border.

"One has to accept that we did SWAPO has an office at the play into their hands," Tjon-

Ethiopian rebels change the face of their society

By Eric Onstad

ABI ADI, Ethiopia - Alganesh Behre was forced into marriage as a frightened nine-year-old girl. "He was 28 years old. At age 14 I was divorced and started working as a housemade," she recalls without emotion.

Today, thanks partly to Alganesh, girls are protected from such early marriage in rebelheld Abi Adi, where the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) has encouraged women to break out of their traditional

They are serving as rebel soldiers or taking a more active part in community life.
Alganesh, 34, is one of three

founding women members of the local council organised by the TPLF in the small town of Abi Adi. This council, known as a baito, runs schools and other local services. It has set the age of marriage for girls at 14 and imposes fines and prison sentences on parents who break the rule.

The left-wing rebel movement took up arms in 1975 in Ethiopia's northern Tigray province during the turmoil which followed the overthrow of Emperor Haile Selassie.

Its object is to create a nationwide movement to bring down the government of President Mengistu Haile Mariam. Although the TPLF embraces

Marxism, as does the government in Addis Ababa, it accuses the president of perpetuating the Amhara ethnic group's longstanding grip on power in Ethiopia. The three million people of

Tigray mainly belong to the Tigrinya ethnic group, a traditional rival of the Amharas.

The TPLF has controlled most of rural Tigray since the early 1980s and after a series of battles in February captured virtually the entire province, including the capital Mekele. Abi Adi has been in rebel

hands for five of the last seven years and Alganesh said the rebel takeover changed her life. "Women were suppressed. We were never seen in public meet-

ings, we had no political rights,"

Draped in a white shawl which leaves the cross-shaped wkato ritual tattoo on her forehead uncovered, Alganesh said she had remarried a man of her own choice.

As a councillor she voted to raise the minimum marriage age to 14 for women and 22 for men, although she and other members suggested that 14 was too young

ne TPLF its newly-elected 35-member central committee is a woman. But the ideal of equality is

for a girl to marry.

strongly pursued by the armies of the TPLF and its ally the Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF) in neighbouring Eritrea province.

The EPLF, fighting for the independence of the former Ita-

lian colony on the Red Sea, and the TPLF both say that a third of their fighters are women. "The men can see in practice

and the political education they were getting that men and women are equal," said Bessrat G'Selassie, a 24-year-old TPLF fighter who joined the rebels 10 years ago as an orphan. Tigrayan women accustomed

to traditional roles are intrigued by female TPLF fighters marching past peasant homesteads and into towns, Bessrat said, a Kalashnikov rifle slung over her shoulder, hand grenades strapped it," she said.

The Ethiopian government pursues an official policy of equality for women, but has had limited success in transforming traditional rural society. The rebel movements have always been based in the country-

side and their social influence is much stronger TPLF officials said some peasants initially resisted the liberation of women, but opposition faded

when the rebel movement began distributing land formerly held by feudal landlords. In Abi Adi, the TPLF distri-buted land to 7,000 families, aboished the peasants' longstanding obligation to hand over three porters. quarters of their harvest to the

all their food surplus on the free market. The Ethiopian government has distributed land to peasants in areas it controls, but has obliged peasants to sell much of their

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The TPLF says its free-market system has aided the distribution of grain which peasants previously hid from the government. The highlands of Tigray are

overpopulated and the TPLF encourages peasants to move to vacant fertile land in the western lowlands near the Sudanese border in a programme which paraliels the government's own resettlement scheme. The government aims to move

1.5 million people from the northern highlands to new settlements in the south and west, but the TPLF has accused it of using the programme to empty the Tigrayan countryside of rebel sup-

The people of Abi Adi are uninterested in resettlement. Alganesh said townsfolk and peasants were rebuilding Abi Adi's health clinic, bombed three times since 1984, and planning to reopen seven primary schools run



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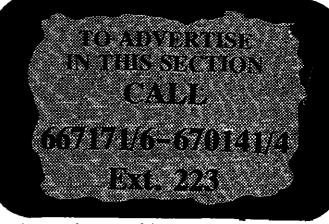
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Don de 5 millions de dollars à Amman

La Communanté économique européenne (CEE) a offert mardi 4 millions d'écus (près de 5 millions de dollars) à la Jordanie pour un projet d'étude de ses ressources et de ses capacités agricoles. L'accord a été signé à Amman par le ministre jordanien du Pian, M. Taher Kannan, et le représentant de la CEE dans le royaume hachémite, M. Christian

La "Palestine" à l'heure d'été

Les dirigeants de l'Intifada out decrété samedi soir l'entrée en vigueur de l'heure d'été dans les territoires occupées. Soit deux semaines plus tôt qu'en Israèl, où cette mesure ne sera appliquée que le 30 avril. Dans un communiqué, la "direction unifiée" du soulèvement a appelé les "habitants de l'Etat de Palestine" de Gaza et de Cisjordanie à avancer leurs pendules d'une heure (soit temps universel plus

Solidarité légalisé

Le syndicat polonais Solidarité a été légalisé lundi par le tribunal régional de Varsovie, en présence de centaines de militants et de sympathisants du mouvement, dirigé par Lech Walesa. Créé en 1980, Solidarité avait été interdit lors de la proclamation de l'état de siège, le 13 décembre 1981, par le général Jaruselski. La relégalisation du syndicat avait été décidée au cours de la "table ronde" organisée du 6 fevrier au 5 avril entre le pouvoir et l'op-

Projet de pont sur le golfe d'Aqaba

L'ariésienne du pont routier entre l'Egypte et l'Arabie Saondite enjambant le goife d'Agaba refait surface. Le projet va en effet être relancé après la visite au Caire du roi Fahd. Selon une premiere tude effectuée en 1982 par une commission technique égyptienne, l'ouvrage relierait le sud du Sinai àla côte saoudienne, en passant par l'île de Tîran. Le tronçon le plus important serait constitué d'un pont suspendu d'environ 7 kilomètres de long.

Nouveau parti en Algérie

'Le "Parti national algérien" (PNA) a annucé sa création manche à Alger. Cette association à caractère politique s'est présentée comme étant de tendance liberale. Selon son porteparole, le PNA s'est d'ores et déja doté d'un "programme com-plet", capable de répondre aux problèmes de L'Algérie.

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Le roi Mswati III du Swaziland a fêté, bier, ses 21 ans autour d'un gâteau d'anniversaire de 1250 kilos. Un gâteau confectionné en deux semaines par une pâtisserie sud-africaine et composé de 15 morceaux de un mètre de long sur 50 centimètres de baut. Tont juste suffisant pour nourrir les quelques 4000 invités...

Un Van Gogh Volé aux Pays-Bas réapparait

Quatre mois après le plus im-portant voi de fableaux jamais commis aux Pays-Bas, une des trois toiles de Vincent Van Gogh, derobées le 12 décembre au musée national Kroeller Mueller, a été retrouvée dans une voiture en stationement devant le logement du directeur de musée Kroeller Mueller, II s'aut de la toile baptisée "Tisseur avec métier à tisser". Les deux autres cetreres, "Mangeurs de pommes de terre" et les "Tournesols", restent introuvables. L'ensemble des toiles avait été estimé, à l'époque du vol, entre 100 et 123 millions de dollars.

Le roi Hussein aux USA

Une visite difficile

Le roi Hussein, arrivé landi la Maison Blanche penche toudernier à Washington, devait jours du côté israélien, ne pouvait que rappeler au président améris'entretenir, hier, avec le président américain George Bush, cain l'opposition unanime de la qui a récemment apporté son sou-tien aux propositions israéliennes d'élections dans les territoires population palestinienne de Cisjordanie et de Gaza à ce qu'elle considère comme une "tentative de mise sur la touche" de Yasser occupés. Les entretiens officiels doivent se poursaivre aujourd'hui entre le souverain hachémite et le Arafat. Le souverain jordanien aura également fait valoir à George Bush qu'une réelle unité prévant désormais entre les pays secrétaire d'Etat américain James Baker. arabes modéres pour l'ouverture de négociations directes. Le dia-

Dernier grand rendez-vous de la diplomatie américaine avec les principanx dirigeants du Proche-Orient, la visite du roi de Jorda-nie à Washington devait permettre aux pays arabes modérés de relancer leur offensive en faveur d'une conférence internationale de parx. Une relance difficile, après le passage du premier ministre israélien, qui a vu les Etats-Unis soutenir ses proposi-tions d'élections dans les territoires occupés, malgré le refus de

Le roi Hussein, conscient que (D'après agences).

Evacuation de blessés libanais

La France poursuit sa mission

Seixante dix huit Libanais, blessés dans les combats qui continnent de faire rage à Beyrouth, ont été évacués hier vers Chypre par le navire-hôpital, "La Rance". Ils devaient être transportés dans la journée à bord d'un avion militaire, avant de ganger la

"La Rance" a accosté hier tôt dans la matinée dans le port de Larnaca, à Chypre, avec à son bord 78 blessés libanais chrétiens mais aussi musulmans. Le navirehôpital français avait embarqué 14 blessés chrétiens dans le port de Jounieh, au nord de Beyrouth. Les autres, à majorité musulmanne, venaient du port de Sidon, à 40 kilomètres au sud de la capi-tale libanaise. Tous ont rallié "La Rance" à bord de plusieurs embarcations dotées de canons et de mitrailleuses, opérant une rotation entre la côte et le bâti-

Ces victimes de la guerre entre

les gouvernements chrétien et musulman pro-syrien, devaient ensuite rejoindre la France, à l'instar de douze autres blessés, arrivés à Paris dimanche soir. La Première évacuation organisée dâns le cadre de la massion humani nitaire français, baptisése "Acannuit de vendredi sous la menace Conseil de sécurité de l'ONU. Le plus grande discrétion, l'opération était supervisée par le secrétaire d'Etat français à l'action humanitaire, Bernard Kouchner.

Elle s'est poursuivie dimanche malgré de violents bombardements qui ont fait au moins 36

mortsm dont l'ambassadeur d'Espagne au Liban, ainsi que 181 blessés. Bombardements qui intervenaient peu après les déclarations du chef du gouvernement à majorité musulmane, Salim Hoss relevant notamment avec "surprise" que les chrétiens avaient été les premiers à bénéficier de soins. La tension est retombée, dès hundi, avec "l'accord total" intervenu entre Bernard Kouchner et Salim Hoss, an terme d'entretiens, qui selon les deux

logue, entamé entre Washington et l'OLP aura vraisemblablement

été évoqué par les deux chefs

François Mitterrand et le roi

Hussein se sont entretenus à Paris

hindi. Le tête-à-tête a surtout

porte sur la guerre du Liban.

Saluant la mission humanitaire

francaise entreprise dans ce pays,

le souverain jordanien a notam-ment souligné la "grande respon-

sabilité du monde arabe pour agir et mettre fin à cette folie"

parties ont levé toute ambiguité sur les intentions françaises. Pour les Beyrouthins, la situation s'est encore aggravée, après l'arrêt de la centrale électrique de Zouk, au nord de la capitale. Faute de carburant, le courant a été coupé pour 80% des Libanais. Ces nouveaux déboires, alors que les combats se poursuivent, inquiètent de plus en plus la communauté infernationale. Lundi, Francois Mitterrand s'est notamment entretenu au téléphone avec les présidents égyptien, américain et soviétique, ainsi qu'avec le chef du gouvernement espagnol.

Dans le même temps, deux saturé d'eau, qui s'est deplacé sur personnalités françaises, MM. près de quatre cent mêtres, pour le provoquer de nouveaux the", avant commencé dans la dé an gouvernement de saisir le des obus syriens. Entourée de la présidente du comité arabe de bons offices pour le Liban, Cheikh Sabah, a pour sa part annoncé mardi qu'une réunion extraordinaire, du conseil ministériel de la Ligue arabe se tiendrait demain à Tunis (D'après agences).

Jordanie-FMI

L'ère de l'austérité

téléphone, du lait, de la margarine, mais aussi des taxes sur les voitures, l'électricité et les boissons... L'accord-programe conclu vendredi dernier entre le Fonds monétaire international (FMI) et le gouvernement jordanien se traduit depuis quelques jours par une série de mesures draconiennes

La Jordanie est entrée dimanche dans l'ère de la rigueur. Au terme de deux semaines de négociations entre le FMI et le gouvernement, Amman a décidé d'adopter un programme économique et financier pour les cinq prochaines années, afin d'obtenir le rééchelonnement de sa dette extérieure estimée entre 6 et 7 milliards de dollars.

du gaz, des cigarettes, du Jordanie s'engage notamment à téléphone, du lait, de la margar-ramener son déficit budgétaire à 7% du produit national brut (1), avant la fin de 1993, et à renoncer progressiveent à la planche à billets. Le royaume hachémite devra également combler le besoin de financement de sa balance des paiements, qui avoisine le mil-liard de dollars pour 1989.

Le FMI a d'ores et déjà exigé une économie immédiate de près de 110 millions de dollars, objectif qu'Amman estime pouvoir atteindre grace aux augmentations de prix (2). Le gouvernement espère par ailleurs réduire l'inflation à 10% dès cette année, puis à 7% (3), par le planfonnement de la croissance de la masse monétaire et par l'encadrement

Enfin, pour éponger le besoin Dans la lettre d'intention qu'el- de la balance des paiements, la

(3) L'inflation a atteint 15% en 1988. **Taxes sur les** Ont déjà augmenté:

Le carborant. L'essence ordinaire est passée de 180 fils par litre à 220 fils; le super, de 210 fils à 270 fils; le mazout et le kérozène, de 65 à 75 fils. Ces hausses, ainsi que celles des taxes sur les voitures (voir ci-contre) devraient entraîner une majoration des prix des taxis. Cette augmentation était discutée mardi par l'association professionnelle des compagnies de taxis au ministère des Transports.

Le gaz. La bouteille de 12 litres coûte désormais 2 dinars (+ 200

Le téléphone. Création d'une taxe de 10% sur le montant des factures. Augmentation de 10% également de l'abonnement annuel et des frais de pose d'une ligne.

L'électricité. Création d'une taxe spéciale d'un dinar sur les factures et généralisation de la taxe annuelle de 12 dinars, destinée à la télévision.

Les cigarettes. Locales et étrangères augmentent respectivement de 26 et 27%

Les boissons. La taxe à la consommation des alcools produits en Jordanie augmente de 40%, celle des alcools importés de 50%. Ces hausses, qui touchent les producteurs et les distributeurs, se répercuteront sur les prix au détail. Les boissons gazeuses ont, elles, augmenté de 17%, passant de 110 fils le litre à 130 fils: l'eau minérale, de 110 à 135 fils; les jus de fruits, de 115 à 135 fils. Les laitages. Le litre de lait passe de 720 fils à un dinar (+40%); la boîte de deux kilos de margarine, de 1,03 à 1,25 dinar.

Glissement de terrain près d'Ajloun

Le risque demeure

Le glissement de terrain, sans précédent depuis la fin des années soixante, qui s'est produit du 4 au 6 avril dernier près d'Ajloun, continue d'inquiéter les spécialistes jordaniens. Selon les géolognes, le pan entier de montagne, ments de grande enver-

"Il faut agir, et vite". Sans se vouloir alarmiste, Azzam Sabbah avoue qu'il reste néanmoins préoccuppé par le glissement de terrain qui a affecté, au début du mois, Djebel Dahous à une trentaine de kilomètres au sud d'A-

iloun. Selon le directeur du département de géologie du Service des ressources naturelles (NRA), de nouveaux mouvements de grande amplitude peuvent en effet se produire à tout moment.

"D'énormes quantités d'eau se pierres pour retenir la terre", vingt hectares d'oliviers, de banaexplique Azzam Sabbah. Les services de la Défense civile d'Irbid, dont dépend la zone sinistrée, indiquaient mardi qu'aucune mesure de la sorte n'avait encore été prise mais que le site était sous surveillance permanente.

Le glissement de terrain, qui a

duré trois jours, n'a fait aucune victime. 'Les habitants de la région savaient qu'il existait un risque et nous informaient sur les mouvements de plusieurs failles que nous avions repérées, il y a a six ans", précise Fahid Masri, ingénieur du NRA. Trois habita-Nont acculaulées au pied de la Priens, dont in hangar agricole ont pense. Il faitt les évacuer d'urge été ensevelies par la lente avalanence et construire des murs de che de boue et de rochers, et

Jordanie va encore diminuer ses

importations. Son financement

sera partiellement couvert par le

crédit standby de 275 millions de

dollars, octroyé par le FMI et par

le récéchelonnement de la dette

civile et militaire via le Club de

Dans les milieux économiques

jordaniens, on estime que le cours du dinar restera stable pour

le moment, après une déprécia-

tion d'environ 45% en un an. Les

spécialistes s'attendent toutefois

à de futurs ajustements, destinés

à compenser l'augmentation in-

évitable des coûts de production

après la majoration des prix de

(1) Il est actuellement de 16%.

(2) Ces mesures devraient rappor-ter quelque 83 millions de dollars à

véhicules

A l'exception des voitures

diplomatiques et vraisemb-

lablement des automobiles

hors taxes (plaques jaunes), qui ne sont pas mentionnées dans la nouvelle loi, tous les

véhicules immatriculés en Jor-

danie sont concernés par l'aug-

mentation parfois supérieure à

100% des prélèvements de

l'Etat. L'enregistrement a ainsi été fixé entre 120 dinars (cylin-

drées d'un litre ou moins) et

2000 dinars (cylindrées supér-

ieures à 31). Par ailleurs une

taxe de 10 dinars a été instituée

pour toute vente ou achat

d'automobile. Les taxis, les

écoles de conduite, les entrep-

rises de location de véhicules

voient également leur licence

augmenter. Le permis de con-

duire n'est pas épargné... En-fin, les plaques minéralogiques des quelque 240000 véhicules

circulant dans le royaume

seront changées dès le mois de

l'énergie. (d'après agences)

Paris.

ont été détruits. Selon les géologues jordaniens, les canaux creusés à flan de colline par les agriculteurs de Djebel Dahous sont à l'origine du phénomène. (A.R.)

Comme ses concurrents. Moham-

med Wasfi Abdallah envisage

cette année de prendre pied en

rs et de cultures maraichères

Marché national saturé, débouchés insuffisants dans le monde arabe...

Le vêtement jordanien file vers l'Ouest

Exporter vers l'Occident. Vollà la nouvelle ambition des principaux fabricants de vêtements en Jordanie. Deepuis 1986, une dizaine d'entreprises, parmi les plus grandes du pays, en out fait leur priorité. Au prix parfois d'un renouvellement total de leurs infrastructures. Marchés privi-légiés: l'Amérique du Nord mais aussi l'Europe, que certaines d'entre elles ont décidé d'attaquer cette année.

Trop petit. Les plus grosses entreprises jordaniennes du vêtement font toutes le même constat: le marché national ne suffit plus à leur appétit de développement industriel. Pas plus que les débouchés offerts par le monde arabe. Les fabriquants se tournent donc peu à peu vers les pays occidentaux pour écouler leur production.

"L'activté textile s'est considérablement développée ces dernières années en Jordanie, explique Hanni Sou'b, chargé de ce secteur au ministère de l'Industrie. On a répertorié plus de quatre cents compagnies de confection dans l'ensemble du royanme en 1987/1988". La plupart d'entre elles ne dépassent guère la dimension d'un petit atelier, mais leur omniprésence, dans les quartiers citadins et les villages, leur permet de couvrir l'ensembile de la Jordanie.

A cette pléthore numérique, déjà synonyme de concurrence, s'est ajoutée, pour les grandes usines, l'offensive des importateurs d'Extrême-Orient en Jordanie et dans l'ensemble des pays arabes, ainsi que la perspective d'un rétrécissement de certains marchés regionaux. "Le protocole commercial avec l'Irak, qui facilitait les exportations de nos entreprises vers Bagdad, arrive à échéance à la fin du mois" souligne notamment Hanni Sou'b. Encouragés par la chute récente du dinar, les leaders du vêtement jordanien ont changé leur machine à coudre d'épaule. Ainsi de la Jordan clothing

company (JCC), numéro un de la

Changement radical

dépendance, l'entreprise familiale a choisi la voie la plus risquée: "Nous voulons vendre nos propres produits", affirme le Pdg de JCC. Les normes, imposées par les importateurs occidentaux ont considerablement modifié les habitudes de travail de la société le, installée en Jordanie depuis 1949. "Pour être compétitifs, nous devous être capables de répondre très rapidement à des commandes éclair", poursuit-il. Ses deux usines, qui emploient aujourd'hui 150 salariés, ont ainsi augmenté leur capacité de production jusqu'à mille cinq cents unités par jour. "Il a également fallu renforcer nos

nouvelles couleurs..." Et importer de plus en plus de



et en Europe, il nous est impossi-

ble de les vendre", ajoute M.

Makda. Malgré les problèmes

d'approvisionnement, et notam-

ment le transit obligé des fourni-

dédouanement et le transport

nous font perdre un temps pré-

cieux et nous coûtent près de 6%

du prix de revient", soutient-il.

estime que son avenir passe par

l'ouest. Il est vrai que les chiffres

sont encourageants: pour sa pre-

mière incursion en Occident,

l'entreprise a exporté l'an dernier

40% de sa production vers les

Etats-Unis, le Canada, la Grande

Bretagne et la Suède. "Il s'agis-

sait pour nous de tester ces

nouveaux débouchés, souligne le

Pdg de JCC. En 1989, nous espér-

ons dépasser les 50%, en nous

lançant dans la chemise fan-

"Des exécutants"

En dépit de ces difficultés, JCC

tures par le port d'Aqaba. "Le

chemise unie pour homme dans le royaume hachémite. Malgré sa position dominante, la société, dirigée depuis deux ans et demi par Jad Makda, a décidé de s'aventurer sur les marchés nordamericain et européen. Dès l'arrivée du nouveau et ambitieux Pdg, JCC a totalement renouvelé l'outillage de ses usines. "Nous avons acheté des machines à coudre plus performantes, changé nos appareils de découpe pour repondre aux exigences de ces pays", remarque Jad Makda.

Fidèle à sa réputation d'instocks de tissus, misé sur de

On est encore loin des 84% atteints en 1988 par Amman Moda (AM). Premier fabricant de vêtements féminins et pour enfants, avec une capacité de dix mille unités par jour, AM s'est résolumment orienté dès sa création en 1986 vers les marchés

nord-Américains, "Nous avons

profité du passage en Jordanie d'un importateur qui travaillait avec l'Egypte, se souvient Mohammed Wasfi Abdallah, l'un des trois propriétaires de l'entreprise. Il a passé une première commande avec nous. C'est comme ça que nous avons com-

La suite se passe de commentaires: en trois ans, la part des exportations a augmenté de 35 à plus de 80% de la production. Dans le même temps, le nombre des salariés de l'usine, installée à Moukabelein, a presque triplé, passant de 200 à 560. Sa réussite, Amman Moda la doit avant tout aux accords passés avec les principales marques et chaînes de magasins américaines. "Nous travaillous avec une dizaine de sociétes, dont Calvin Klein, Bon Jour, Crasy Horse, CCG International ou encore Kim Heart, qui possède deux mille trois cents boutiques aux Ettats-Unis", explique M. Wasfi.

Contrairement à la Jordan clothing company, AM a préféré adopter les modèles des importateurs. "Nous sommes des exécutants, Nos clients fournissent les patrons des vêtements. choisissent les couleurs...", poursuit son co-directeur. Les quelques stylistes de l'entreprise travaillent exclusivement pour le marché jordanien, sous les marques Ahlan et Amman Moda.

Europe. Prudemment. "Des contacts ont été pris avec des importateurs de petite et moyenne tailles en Espagne, et nous com-mencerons peut-être à exporter dans quelques mois", annonce-t-AM refuse néanmoins la con-

fection en franchise, telle que la pratique à Salt une autre société jordanienne, sons la marque Lee Cooper. Pour ses propriétaires, le meilleur moyen d'exporter rete la commande ponctuelle de clients étrangers. Tant que les Etat-Unis et les autres pays occidentaux ne nous imposeront pas de quotas, comme c'est le cas avec Taiwan ou Hong Kong, nous continuerons à nous développer". Mohammed Wasfi n'oublie pas

la Jordanie pour autant. "Avec la réduction des importations et les diverses mesures visant à protéger le marché intérieur, la production locale va pouvoir repren-dre, estime-t-il. Nos bénéfices s'en trouveraient considérablement accrus, étant donné qu'à l'exportation, les prix sont multipliés par trois entre nous et le consommateur". La Jordan clothing company, quant à elle, ne peut guère faire marche arrière. 'Nos derniers modèles risquent de ne pas se vendre ici. C'est pourquoi notre principal objectif demeure la mise en place de réseaux de distribution dans les pays où nous importons, précise Jad Makda. Réduire le nombre des intermédiaires constitue leur seul moyen d'augmenter nos profits".

Le co-directeur de AM reconnait cependant que les marchés étrangers constitueront toujours plus de 50% de ses débouchés. 'Mais il y a une chance à saisir pour notre pays, soutient-il. Le secteur du textile représente l'avenir industriel du royaume, sur lequel pourrait s'appuyer un téel développement écono-

> Alain Renon avec François Ducroux.

95 morts à Sheffield

Football-massacre

Liverpool-Nottingham Forest: quatre vingt quinze morts et plus de deux cents blessés. L'horreur en guise de résultat. Samedi dernier au stade de Hillsborough à Sheffield, le football a une nouvelle fois rimé avec massacre, ravivant le souvenir du Heyseloù 39 spectateurs du match Liverpool-Juventus de Turin avaient trouvé la mort. Cette fois pourtant, l'horreur n'est pas deu aux bagarres qu'affectionne une certaie catégorie de supporters, mais à la folie collective d'au moins deux mile fans frustres de ne pouvor assister à la demi-finale de la coupe d'Angleterre entre deux équipes vedettes. Devant la pression de la foule, la police a cédé et ouvert l'une des grilles du stade. La suite a été atroce. Dans les gradins archi-combles, des centaines de personnes, dont de nombreux adolescents, ont été écrasées, étouffées et piétinées contre les grillages du terrain. Mardi, 170 blessés étaient encore hospitalisés, dont 19 dans des unités de soins intensifs. Le gouvernement britannique a ouvert une enquête et décidé de verser un demi-million de livres aux familles des victimes.

FIGURE

La mort de Charles Vanel

Un monstre du cinéma

1912-1988. Entre ces deux dates s'étend la carrière phénoménale de Charles Vanel, décédé samedi dernier en France, à l'âge de 96 ans. De "Jim Crow", tourné dans les années dix sous la direction de Robert Péguy, aux "Saisons du plaisir", réalisé l'an dernier par Jean-Pierre Mocky, Charles Vanel aura joué du muet au cinémascope dans quelques trois cents films. Avec les meilleurs metteurs en scène: Feyder, Clouzot, Carné, Bunuel ou encore Hitchcock.

Breton au visage buriné, flanqué de sa pipe légendaire, il évoquait toujours sa longue aventure au service du septième art avec modestie: "Etre acteur, disait-il, c'est être artisan". Policier ou gangster, jeune premier ou vieillard, ouvrier ou grand bourgeois, il a incarné les rôles les plus différents avec autant de bonheur.

Après une brève éclipse au lendemain de la guerre, il était devenu l'un des acteurs incon-tournables du cinéma français. Grâce, notamment, à trois longs métrages d'Henri-Georges Clouzot: "Le Salaire de la peur' (1953), avec Yves Montand, qui lui valut le prix d'interprétation masculine au festival de Cannes; sur un "Les Diaboliques" (1954) et "La film".



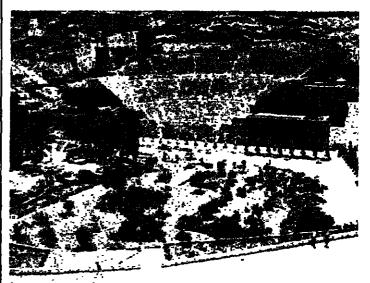
Vérité" (1961), avec Brigitte Bardot.

Alfred Hitchcock l'avait lancé à la poursuite de Cary Grant dans "La Main au collet" (1954), avant que Luis Bunuel ne l'engage pour "La Mort en ce jardin" (1956). Il s'imposa encore dans "L'Ainé des Ferchaux" de Melville (1962), "La plus belle Soirée de ma vie" d'Etttore Scola (1972) et "Cadavres exquis" de Francesco Rosi (1975).

Fait commandeur de la Légion d'Honneur en 1985, Charles Vanel avait un souhait: "terminer sur un bon rôle, dans un bon

SORTIR

Amphitéâtre du folklore



Amman, Foubes, Salt, Ramtha... Le folklore des villes jordaniennes s'est emparé depuis hier de l'amphithéâtre romain de la Ville Basse. Jusqu'au trois mai, onze groupes régionaux, dont l'ensemble de cuivre de l'armée nationale, vont se succéder chaque dimanche et mercredi soirs sur la scène du théâtre antique. Au programme: les chants et danses traditionnels du royaume hachémite. Selon le ministère jordanien de la Culture, ce festival s'inscrit dans le cadre d'une campagne de promotion des différents aspects de l'héritage artistique du pays. Il intervient après une série de manifestations consacrées au théâtre et à la poésie arabes par le Centre culturel royal d'Amman. D'autres concerts seront organisés dans le courant de l'année, pour permettre au plus grand nombre possible de groupes aristiques de se produire devant un public. Concerts tous les mercredis et dimanches soirs, après Iftar, jusqu'au

3 mai. Entrée libre.

Rosi et la grande ville

Film allemand pour les enfants Rosi, 12 ans, quitte la Bavière et s'installe à Berlin avec sa famille. Ce

A L'AFFICHE

voyage bouleverse sa vie. (ex allemand).

In the heat of the night De Norman Jewison, avec Sidney Poitier, Rod Steiger et Warren Oates

Un riche industriel d'une petite ville du Mississipi est assassiné. La population soupçonne d'abord un noir, puis découvrant qu'il est policier, lui demande d'élucider le crime.

Centre américaia,, dimanche 23 avril à 16h00 (en anglais).

Une si jolle petite plage D'Yves Allégret, avec Gérard Philippe (1949). Un orphelin retourne à l'auberge

où il fut employé et souvent maltraité par la patronne. CCF, lundi 24 avril à 29530 (en français,

soud-titré en arabe). Gribouille

De Marc Allégret, avec Raimu et Michèle Morgan (1937). Un brave homme prend en affection une jeune femme accusée d'un

CCF, mercredi 26 avril à 28h30 (en francais, sous-titré en arabe). Ciné-club

En raison du Ramadan, le ciné-

club ne propose que deux séances quotidiennes, respectivement à 20h00 et 21h30. Tous les films projetés cette semaine ont été primés aux Oscars. Jendi 20: A fish called Wanda et

Milagro, bean field. Vendredi 21: On the golden lake et Room with a view. Samedi 22: Witness et Killer field. Dimanche 23: The kiss of the spiderwoman et Blesses in the heart.

Lundi 24: Prizzi's honour et **Mardi 25:** White nights et Rainman. Mercredi 26: Mask et Working girl.

Films en version originale, Tél: 603901. Route de l'université, à droite après l'hôtel Jérusalem puis première à gauche, 300 m. **EXPOSITION**

Peinture à la main

Jean-François Noble, artiste français, expose ses toiles peintes à la main et anime un atelier en plein air pour les enfants de 6 a 11 ans,

Jardius du Haya Arto Centre, tour les jours jusqu'au 27 avril inclus, de 20h30 à 23h00.

TELEVISION

"Colargol", dessin animé pour les enfants (JTV, vendredi 21 avril à 17h15). "Le retour à Malavell", avec Frédéric Pierrot et Jean Franval, dans le cadre de la série "Haute tension", proposée par Pierre Grimblat.

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computer to read Chinese

siers says he was amazed when his fied by the quantity and frequencomputer was able to distinguish between an "l" and a "l"

"Can you?" he asks, promptly

answering: "Only in context." His fellow-research scientists at the department of metrology and automatic control technology at the Technical University in Berlin nod in agreement.

That isn't the only party trick the only one in Europe that can read Chinese characters — 3.755

of them. Since 1986 he and his colleagues, computer specialists and Sinologists, have set themselves an ambitious target: to "teach" their computer to read Chinese

characters semi-automatically. It does so by means of an electronic scanner. Similar devices exist in Japan. Research projects are under way at Chinese

universities. But the Berlin computer is the most accurate yet developed. "In Taiwan and China," says Sinologist Richard Suchenwirth,

"over 500 processes have been devised in the past 10 years by which to computerise Chinese Keying them into a computer is

only part of the problem; reading them - and understanding the combination of pictograms and syllabic characters — is much more problematic.

Depending on the dictionary used. Chinese script consists of a nucleus of between 40,000 and 60.(RH) characters. It is no small consolation, as

Suchenwirth puts it, that the 3.755 characters the Berlin computer has been taught to read make up roughly 98 per cent of the characters actually used.

Each character incorporates a graphic factor derived, over the millennia, from pictorial representation.

All characters that have anything to do with medicine, for instance, are topped with a stylised bunch of medicinal herbs. "But we had to teach the computer an entirely different reading method." Suchenwirth says. than three - Frankfurter Rund-Each printed character is first schau.

COMPUTER expert Peter Cas- read in four directions and classicy of black, or printer's ink, encountered

> Once the computer has registered these data the character as scanned on paper by what amounts to a video camera can then be reproduced on the moni-

tor screen. "Our original objective," says project director Irmfried Hartmann, "was to achieve 95-pertheir computer can perform. It is cent reading accuracy. We have

now reached 98 per cent." To reach this degree of accuracy the scanner and the computer to which it is attached had to memorise Chinese characters just like students do

When the project began, the Berlin research scientists keyed about 6,000 Chinese characters into the computer, which is one day intended to make life easier

for librarians. Programmes that combine text input and scanner systems, i.e. both reading and writing, might sell like hot cakes in the Far East. But the Berlin project is nowhere

near that stage yet.
"We still need an entire day to read a single page of a Chinese magazine. Hartmann says. By the year after next, when the DM120,000 project is scheduled for completion, the printer should be able to print out a page

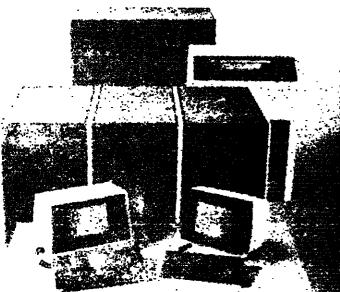
a minute. But the scanner still has much to learn before this speed can be

The project was presented in Moscow last October after a procedure had been devised, at the double, by which the computer can read the Roman and the Cyrillic alphabets.

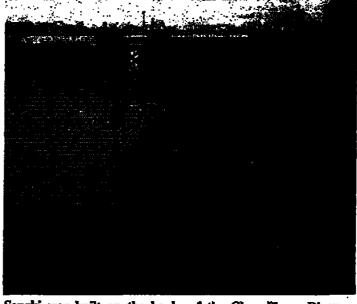
They are shortly to be joined by Japanese characters. The Berlin project staff feel Korean characters are feasible too.

"But it will be a long time before computers can accurately translate Chinese," Suchenwirth says. He should know.

Each Chinese character can have as many as several dozen meanings. The computer has yet to be taught to memorise more







Sengki was built on the banks of the Chao Phaya River



Clearing slums in Thailand

By Lois Jensen

A VISIT to Sengki is a respite from the frenetic pace of Bangkok. Life slows down here. Sengki is a community of 200 families, built around a muddy road that leads to the river. It is filled with sounds of barking dogs, crying babies and TV melodramas drifting out from airy, makeshift wood homes. Despite its squalid appearance, it conveys a sense of "neighbourhood," a quality fast disappearing from many of the world's largest cities.

Like thousands of other slum dwellers in Thailand's capital city, the people Sengki faced eviction as downtown Bangkok began to encroach and real estate developers sought the land they lived on. But so far they have escaped the buildozer, thanks to an unusual experiment in inner city land-use that the Thais call "land-sharing." The plan respects the interests of residents on the margins of Bangkok society. while permitting the city's inevitable modernisation.

The pressure to move began to mount almost as soon as the smoke had cleared from a fire that swept the neighbourhood a decade ago. Sa-ngad Suansrakaew, now 77,

remembers clearly the day in 1978 when he returned to Sengki two-storey home. Gone too were the money and gold pieces that he

had saved over the years. The 1978 fire destroyed almost everything the residents of Sengki owned. And because their homes no longer existed, their leases on. house sites were cancelled by the landowner. When they rebuilt,

they were considered squatters.
Sengki is hardly unique of
Bangkok's more than 1,000 slum
communities, over 200 were
threatened with eviction last year alone. Conventional strategies for dealing with the problem, such as rehousing residents in alternative locations, were abandoned by the government as too costly. Nor is relocation acceptable to most slum dwellers. Some upgrading of low-income areas, such as providing waste collection and clean water, has been initiated by the government. But for years, the larger issue of land tenure remained unresolved, leaving many city dwellers without long-term security.

Land-sharing is an arrange-ment that divides a slum into two parts. One is for the landowner to develop to the best possible comorganise themselves into a cooperative to build new homes. For residents it means smaller, but Cooperative for a down payment secure, plots of land. For the on part of the land, which in turn

to find nothing left of his wooden. landowner it means immediate was sold to residents at less than financial gain rather than pro-longed, often costly, confrontations with tenants.

> "The concept is simple," says Somsook Boonyabancha, an official with the National Housing Authority assigned to the Sengki project. "We have a conflict, and to resolve it we share, instead of saying 'We win, you lose.' It is appropriate in a compromising

> society like Thailand." In Sengki, land-sharing has not come easily. Conditions deteriorated rapidly after the fire. Although many residents lost their leases, they stayed on and built temporary homes, along with a large number of new squatters. Land-sharing was first proposed in 1980 after the landowner — the King's Property Bureau refused to renew anyone's leases. The National Housing Authority stepped in to play an intermediary role.

Funding came from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), which channelled \$69,000 to the Sengki project through the U.N. Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat). Both

mercial advantage. The other is organisations saw land-sharing as leased or sold to residents, who a model for future slum clearing. A commercial loan was obtained by the Sengki Housing

half of its market value . In exchange, the residents agreed that the King's Property Bureau should sell or develop the remain-

ing land for commercial use. Piots have now been set aside for 132 homes. Various models have been proposed to residents. But owners can choose to build whatever structure they like and in their own time. Many continue to live in temporary shelters, choosing to build only after paying off their loans for the

While the concept of land-sharing may appear simple, the reality is something else. "When a community is fighting a landlord," Boonyabancha says. there is a feeling of solidarity because the authority is outside the group. But once residents are in charge of dividing the land among themselves there are problems. The enemies are now inside the community itself."

Suansrakaew is one of many old-timers who has had trouble accepting the land-sharing agreement. Having occupied a plot for decades, he refuses to believe that anyone could force him out. Moreover, he feels that his new plot is too small for him and his wife and the two other families that live with them. He is upset that squatters, who moved into

the area after the 1978 fire, should also be allowed to settle in Sengki. But he has decided he will go along with the rest of the

Sceptics such as Suansrakaew began to change their minds when they visited Manangkasila, one of five other land-sharing projects in Bangkok which are in various stages of completion. In Manangkasila, the community worked without intermediaries in negotiating an agreement with the landlord. Attractive, twostorey row houses along one boundary of the property attest to the project's success. Just yards

city slums. One of the driving forces in Manangkasila's decision to resist eviction is Tang Ka-Sheng, an animated Chinese woman who has lived in the neighbourhood all her life. She even camped out overnight in front of the Prime Minister's home to bring the residents' plight to the government's attention. She now works as the

loan officer for the community's

away, in an area that is still in

dispute, are housing conditions

that are usually associated with

credit union. "It's tough work," she explains. Each day she makes the neighbourhood rounds. If a family owes 100 baht (\$3.92) and doesn't have it, she will ask for 50 baht or less. She tries to be

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flexible, but encourages them to pay something.

"In a sense, land-sharing is formalising an informal situation," explains Boonyaban-cha. "And this can be troubling in cases where communities have always operated on a very informal basis. What we try to do is to encourage peoples' involvement through an election process and then turn over as much of the administration as possible to the community itself.

You spend a lot of time in the beginning helping organise residents — say two years — but from then on the community will operate by itself. We want to prove that land-sharing is possible — but it takes time."

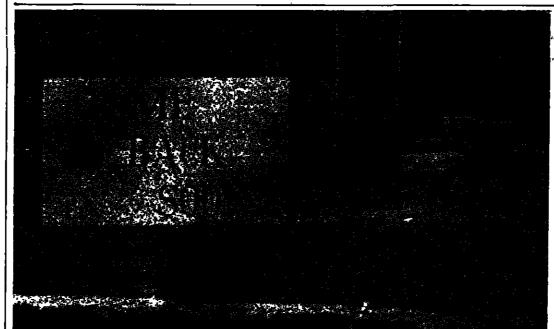
In many cases, it also takes outside help. In Sengki, it was a local non-governmental organisa-tion (NGO) called the Community Relations Group that helped forge a consensus on how to proceed in the project's early stages. "In eviction cases, the community cannot attack the landowner outright because they'll lose," says Boonyabancha. "NGOs are particularly important because they can work in close contact with the government or real estate developers. But they try and keep the power structures separate from each other — and find space in be-

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How to run a country house and keep out the theme parks

By Paul Majendie

BANTRY BAY, Ireland - Bantry House was the first Irish stately home opened to the public. Today's owner battles to keep afloat without resorting to garish theme parks.

Egerton Shelswell-White, whose family have lived in the elegant house for 250 years, waves a massive new annual insurance bill in the air and confesses: "a lot of the time I do get terribly depressed.

"But I think of all the family that lived here before and think it would be a crying shame to give it up. At least we have something to complain about," he said.

The trick is trying to balance the books without having tigers roaming around a wildlife park in the garden or cable cars whizzing up the hillside to the spectacular view over one of the loveliest bays along Ireland's southwest

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coast.
Fairgrounds and hamburger stands are definitely not for the man whose mother first opened Bantry House's doors to the pub-

lic in 1945. Without wishing to decry other people's efforts, I would never want to go into zoos or that kind of gimmick. It would spoil the atmosphere."

"In this job you have to be part showman, part businessman and part lord of the manor," said the affable owner who attracts 35,000 visitors a year to his house but still needs more funds for up-

So he went into the bed-andbreakfast business, joining 27 other stately home owners across Ireland who offer visitors the chance to sample the ambience of being a private guest in a palatial mansion.

Sheleswell-White and his 27 colleagues clubbed together to form "The Hidden Ireland" as

the perfect magnet for wealthy tourists, especially from the United States, who are keen to enjoy glimpse of how the other half lives. Bed and breakfast costs \$35

a head per night.
At the other end of Ireland,
Lord Henry Mountcharles goes in for pop concerts, attracting stars like Bruce Springsteen and David Bowie to perform to thousands in the grounds of his Slane Castle.

Egerton Shelswell-White, a passionate musician who plays the trombone in a classical orchestra, two brass bands and a dance band, opts for a somewhat different path. His home is the intimate venue for a series of classical concerts.

But that is not a major moneyspinner. "I want to go more into the weddings, banquets and function business. I have got 500 people coming here from the (French car company) Citroen. That is very profitable.'

His family's past too will soon

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the stables in the grounds of Bantry House are being converted into a museum to commemorate the bicentenary of the French invasion of Ireland in

The invasion, led by Irish patriot Wolfe Tone and French General Hoche against Britain, boasted a fleet of 43 ships and 16,000 men.

But the fleet was scattered by bad weather, only a few remnants made it to Bantry Bay and local landowner Richard White alerted

the British army, placed his home at the disposal of British troops and raised the "Bantry Cavalry. For that loyalty to the British

colonial masters of Ireland, he was created Baron Bantry and later promoted to earl. His son then went on a grand tour of Europe, sending back trunkloads of antiques that filled Bantry House

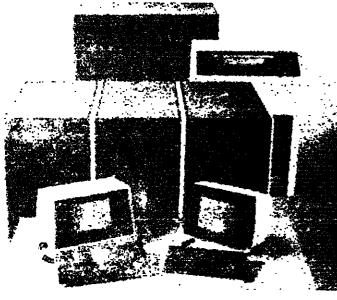
The house was built at the beginning of the 18th century and purchased in 1750 by the White family.

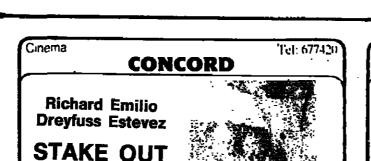
On return from his grand tour White said.

of Europe, Richard White's son created a formal Italian garden with terraced steps looking down over the elegant mansion.

The house has stayed in the White family ever since and a portrait of Egerton Shelswell-White playing the trombone is the first family picture to greet you in the grand hall's entrance.

"I am very fortunate as my; Austrian wife is a picture restorer. She is very good at that and is also a very good cook and does a lot of our catering." Shelswell-





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Hani Ali in action

Focus on People

Here comes the summer

By Mariam M. Shahin

This week Jordan's tennis ace Hani Ali talks to Focus on People about the importance of sports in the future of Jordan's youth.

Born in Kuwait in 1964, Hani Ali began playing tennis at the tender age of 11. "There were lots of clubs that provided facilities to those that wanted to play tennis or swim at a relatively low

Most schools, both public and private, provided tennis courts and lessons to their students. "Actually public schools had the best sports facilities in Kuwait, that's why my last three years of schooling were spent in public schools," recalls Ali.

Ali's life changed when he moved with his family to Jordan in 1980. "I had the shock of my life, when we moved to Jordan. I was still at school, but the schools in Jordan did not provide the same facilities as those in Kuwait."

Ali found it was difficult to find courts, equipment coaches and people to play with. In 1981, he was among a delegation sent by His Majesty King Hussem of 6 t to a tennis training camp in the U.S. Although Ali's parents had previously sent him to tennis training camps in the U.S. it was on this particular trip that Ali made the contacts with the U.S. tennis establishments that were to prove crucial to his future. He received scolarships on the basis of his performance, first to Menlo College in California and eventually finished his B.A. degree at the University of Florida in economics. While attending university, Ali was being trained and promoted by an ex-tennis pro who took on the role of mentor. All spent three months every summer playing tennis in Europe and after graduating spent one year touring the world while participating in international and national tournaments.

After taking what he calls "a very difficult but necessary" decision to return to Jordan, Ali discovered various things. "People in Jordan have not been educated to respect sports as an activity that is on an equal par with other forms of study. Those that study sports at university are often considered to be those that have been rejected from the academic programmes. The tremendous prestige that comes with being an athlete in the U.S. therefore, is practically non-existent in Jordan."

According to Ali, each sport carries along with it a different type of personality that personifies that sport. More than just being physically fit Ali believes that sports are essential in the building of a well rounded, balanced character. "I respect the American education system a lot because they attempt to form well rounded people not people who are slaves to a machine or a certain profession."

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Although Ali wants to begin his career as soon as possible using his economics degree, he has made a feasibility study on the possibility of opening a tennis school. There are barely two dozen tennis courts available to those who want to play tennis and these exist for the most part in private clubs. "I would like to make the sport available for almost anyone who wants to play. "Ali, however, faces various obstacles. Those sponsors that he has found in Jordan are slowly backing away because of the ever continuing belt-tightening economic situation. For those that want to play, the cost of the sport is high. All explains that a can of three tennis balls currently costs JD 4.5 and for an active player such a purchase would have to made every other week "at least." Tennis rackets, shoes and other clothing are very costly as well. Judging from the figures, for those living in Jordan tennis is an elitist sport. Although the task is a difficult one, Ali aims at making it available to a much wider range of people than it currently is. "Once you start you will never want to stop, it is a beautiful, addictive game. Originally having thought of a deluxe school, Ali believes that even a basic school would cost about JD 300,000 to build. "That is a conservative estimate and as far as the location is concerned it would have to be outside of Amman. Otherwise the cost would easily reach double that amount.

In the last two or three years an increased awareness of physical fitness has allowed the growth of physical fitness centre that deal mostly with sports such as aerobics, muscle tonning and body

"The trend of being physically fit has picked up in Jordan, which is good. Now those responsible for educating children have to do the same. It's not a matter of teaching children how to play a certain game, it's a matter of educating children about sports. Once educationalists become fully aware that physical and mental fitness are combined then we will have taken the most essential step. In the U.S. they used to train our minds for a game with specialise computer games in order to strengthen our strategies and our concentration. How one performs in a game depends on ones psychological fitness.

Currently the Little League of the Tennis Federation is training over one hundred youngsters between the ages of nine and 14, with sessions twice a week and matches on Friday. The programme was inaugurated two months ago by Her Majesty Oncen Noor. The waiting list is pretty long.

Considering that almost 60 per cent of Jordan's population is under the age of 18 and the fact that these kids have to have a let out for their energy somewhere, (since our society is socially conservative for the most part), it is only reasonable that sports activities to which they could channel their energies should be promoted and created on an ever increasing scale. Looking out of the window at the sun, Ali adds "and after all if you want to look good for the manner, tennis helps."

Oman: The Leap from Medieval to Modern

By William N. Raiford

AS recently as 1970, when 30year-old Sultan Qaboos Ibn Said assumed power, Oman was one of the most isolated, underdeveloped countries in the world. Three schools served fewer than one thousand students in a country of nearly one million people. Oman had no press, no radio, no phone system and only 10 cilometres of paved road.

But the country has since been transformed. In cities and towns, beige and white stucco homes and modern offices with brightly coloured doors provide up-to-date amenities. Many Omanis now enjoy radio, television and direct-dial telephones. More than 4,000. kilometres of asphalt highway link an area almost as large as Great Britain. Oman's crude oil is processed in local refineries. Over 2,300 industries have sprouted in and around Muscat, the capital on the Arabian Sea. And nowadays, Omanis have access to 44 hospitals, 76 clinics and over 700 schools.

Despite its modern facade, Oman is still a developing country in which technical assistance can — and is — making a difference in helping to bring the country's most remote regions into the twentieth century. Moreover, Oman's revenues from crude oil are hardly infinite. The country's wells could run dry within 20 years. That puts a premium on using every available resource to develop the country now against the time when earnings from oil are no longer available.

The government is currently pursuing a policy of "Omanisation," replacing expatriates with trained citizens. An estimated 300,000 people — 30 per cent of the country's workforce — are foreigners. The country's future will depend largely on bringing the next generation of Omanis into the managerial and technical positions that form the backbone

of any modern economy.

The challenge is formidable. Most professionals, technicians and bankers come from abroad. Tailors are mostly Indian. Over 80 per cent of the teachers and medical personnel and many of the agricultural extension workers are from overseas — a large percentage from Egypt, the

Sudan and Jordan.
"Omanisation" also means reaching the people of the villages who form well over half the population. They are hardly touched by the fruits of industrial society. Electricity is coming. But plumbing is rare. Illiteracy remains widespread. Here, the task of enabling people to take charge of their own future is even more

daunting than in urban areas. Responsibility for reaching the villagers lies with the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour (MOS-AL). "Until recently," says Mohsen Juma, head of MOSAL's Directorate-General for Community Development, "government for the villager meant the local sheik (village chief)." Now, the Directorate's field workers go into villages and encourage formation of committees which discuss local problems and possible solutions. They also help guide the villagers in the planning and execution of their own pro-

Because a large portion of the programme is directed towards women, the head of Community Development works closely with his counterpart in charge of Women and Child Affairs. Women make up over 60 per cent of the population of most villages, mainly because an esti-mated 20,000 men work in Gulf state oil fields to the north while

others commute to nearby towns.
The United Nations Develop-The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has long supported MOSAL's community development programmes. UNDP provides advice on the formation of projects, assists in the selection of technical experts and helps provide U.N. Volunteers (UNVs). Funding comes entirely from the government. The 10 UNVs in Oman—soon to be 20—include a psychosoon to be 20 — include a psycho-logist, sociologist, a specialist in physical rehabilitation, a statistician and an agronomist. All are deeply involved in training Omanis, many of whom are women in a society traditionally dominated

Most village women seek basic services for themselves and their children. The programmes offered suggest the leap that Oman must make to develop an adequate pool of skilled managers and technicians. "We teach literacy, hygiene, nutrition and how to rear a child," says Juma, "subjects that were kept away from the villagers for many years." Juma speaks from experi-ence, as he himself had to leave the country before 1970 in order to get advanced education.

Community development prog-rammes are now underway in 21 villages which line the wadis near Rostaq, three hours drive west of Muscat. The wadis are riverbeds, dry most of the year. Towering above them are mountains of volcanic rock which jut into the bright blue sky. In many places, the wadis are lined with date palms which provide one of the



country's quality exports, and are descended from 30,000 seedlings planted in the 17th century by Imam Saif bin-Sultan in order to improve the life of his people. Under the palms wends the falai, a canal system developed 2,000 years ago that is still the main method for distributing water to

most villages.
In 1980, when the villagers were first approached, there were no community centers on roads. Now there are both. But the first priority was to teach basic literacy, which had an immediate spi-noff. After learning to read, villagers could understand the writing on community health posters. As already proven in other developing countries, infant mortality rates dropped as

soon as female literacy took hold. New schools are usually followed by new clinics. Tawi Atair is a willaya - administrative region — of 66 villages lying in the monsoon-soaked Dhofar mountains on Oman's southern coast. A clinic is now bringing modern medicine to its 6,332 people who once relied on local potions for

Dr. Mustafa Shendy, a smiling Egyptian, is in charge of the six-bed clinic in the town of Tawi Atair. Preventive medicine is his priority. He is training twenty students from the local high school to be paramedics. Eight are women. Dr. Shendy's goal is to use these students to help him train others in outlying villages in

basic health care. Women are encouraged to come to the clinic for childbirth and to bring their children for treatment. Tafood Aly Suhail and her four year-old son Ahmed had travelled 12 miles in a truck to have Ahmed treated for persistent diarrhoea. Her first child was born at home but the second was delivered in the clinic. She no longer hesitates to come for help if necessary. "We get medicine, a doctor's care, everything," she says. "Now my friends bring their children."

Agricultural improvement is another of Oman's development goals. In Wadi Beni Ghafir, near Rostag, demonstration plots nestled along the falaj are planted with new varieties of tomatoes, onions and peppers. Farmers are also given plots for their own experiments. Seeds and fertilizerare provided by the government. Women are trained in processing vegetables and fruits.

According to Fatma Ahmad Hilal, an Egyptian teacher working in the programme, women want a means to earn money. "Making cakes, embroidering scarves and producing honey are among the skills that we teach," says Ms. Hilal. Embroidering the traditional Omani skullcap for males marks a sharp break with tradition. Males traditionally wove the skullcaps but as many men now work in the oilfields or in towns, the skill has been transferred to women. "The men," says Ms. Hilal, "encouraged the

In fact, Omani men routinely support their wives' participation in self-improvement projects. They like the extra income avail-able to the family. Many believe that educated wives make better

A case in point is Aza Al-Miskry, a mother of seven who has attended literacy classes for seven years. She began assisting in the embroidery class whenever the instructor was away. She later attended a special course given at one of the eleven voluntary women's associations formed in recent years. Now, she is the programme's embroidery instructor. "My husband encouraged me," she says. "When needed, he drives students to and from classes here."

Perched on top of a hill in the village of Aim Acq is a weaving centre. Buttressed against an old military watchtower, it consists of a few poles covered by a thin black cloth. It houses two large looms and a dozen workers. Ghania Saeed and Mariam Massood, mothers in their early 20s, are working at one of the looms. The 1 x 2 metre rug that they are weaving portrays the houses, trees, birds and falaj found in the

village.
The rug has already been sold for 90 rials (\$210) to a buyer in

Muscat. Any weaving and embroidery work not sold directly to customers is quickly snapped up by a government outlet in Muscut. "We can't keep the store supplied," says Mozal Seifi, an instructor who was born in nearby Rostaq. Similar training programmes have been instituted in more than

half of the villages in Oman. As resources and time permit they are being extended to the most remote areas and nomadic tribes. As part of this expansion, Muhammad Ahmad Awatef, a United Nations Volunteer working with the Directorate-General for Women and Child Affairs, is conducting a 110-question survev. "It covers the status of women from A to Z," says Mrs. Awatef, an Egyptian sociologist. The goal is to scientifically draw a picture of how women view themselves and bow they are viewed by men in order to enable the government to provide the necessary services."

The village-level survey is typical of the Omani approach to development. The government believes it is necessary for the people involved to be consulted before programmes are drawn up. Another basic aim of govern-ment assistance is village parti-cipation. Local residents pay half the value of projects in the form of money labour or materials of money, labour or materials. Even in pre-school programmes, students must pay three rials (\$7) a month to attend classes,

Much remains to be done. Only 40 per cent of the eligible pre-schoolers attend classes. The main reason," says Amour bin Al Mazmuri, Acting Chief of Community Services in Sharquiya willayat "is that their families often can't afford to pay three rials per month for each of their children. We shouldn't economise on these basic needs."

Omani women appear to have access to most opportunities open to men. "Women are treated equally under the law," says Huda Abdullah Al Ghazali, head of the Directorate-General for Women and Child Affairs and formerly the Army's chief of personnel. Women are active in business as well as government. And 43 per cent of all students are women. In fact, women are a majority in the first class in the new medical school at Sultan

uncomfortable about co-educa tion. Only 25 per cent of the nation's schools are coed. The remainder are all-male or allfemale. The second and third classes of medical students at the University have fewer women than men. This is apparently not due to a lack of qualified women, but to a reluctance of some graduates of girls' schools to study alongside men. "The government strongly urges women to participate in medicine," says Dr. Rustom Burjorjee, Director of the University's Department of Behavioral Sciences. "Any resistance is on the part of prospective

students, not the government." The way seems to be open for "Omanisation" for all — men and women alike in a country where oil and enlightened government has brought much promise. There are jobs to be filled, a culture that prizes fairness, a government that is committed to development where it is most needed. Sultan Qaboos repeatedly emphasises that the government must not just talk about "Omanisation," it must vigorous-ly pursue its implementation. As the villagers in the willavats of Tawi Atair and Sharquiva can attest, the Sultan's message is getting through.



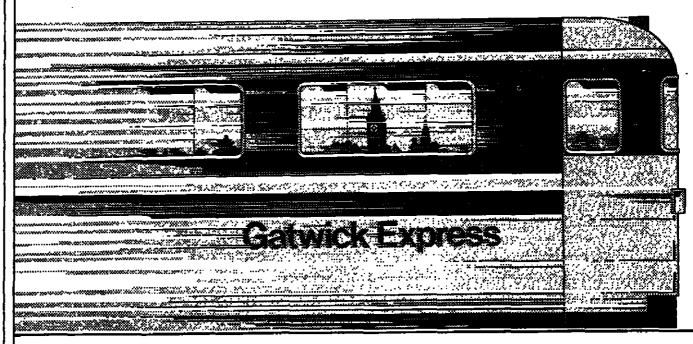
Community Development Director Hamed Mohammed Al Duyani shows off new peppers



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Oil prices soar after N. Sea blast

LONDON (R) — World crude oil prices surged on Wednesday after a blast on a North Sea platform shut off a quarter of British supply.

board the platform was hurt in and, until the damage had been the explosion which followed a inspected, "it is impossible to gas leak on platform Cormorant give any indication of the length Alpha, some 100 nautical miles from land.

But the Tuesday night incident sent crude oil in Europe \$1 higher to \$20 a barrel, the highest in 20 months, extending a rally that had already moved petrol prices up in many nations.

Nearly half a million barrels of crude a day are normally pumped on a subsea pipeline running through a damaged leg of Cormorant Alpha from several fields including part of the giant Brent

Operators Shell Expro said

None of the 227 workers on pumping had now been stopped of time of the current shutdown."

A spokesman said there was "plenty in store" in the tanks at the Sullom Voe terminal in Scotland's Shetland isles to which the oil is pumped for loading aboard tankers.

But the spot market was jittery. Prices were already riding high after March's Alaskan oil spill at Valdez and because of a tight U.S. petrol market, OPEC supply cuts and several earlier North Sea accidents which shut in big volumes of British oil. After news of the latest inci-

dent, a cargo of Brent blend crude changed hands at \$20 a barrel for June loading, up more than \$1 from Tuesday night and the highest since Aug. 5, 1987, London traders reported.

In last autumn's glut, before the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) throttled excess supply, the price dipped almost to \$11.

Petrol-rich Brent is the most widely-traded crude internationally and a world benchmark. In Asian trading, sourer Middle East Dubai crude was offered at \$18, up 75 cents.

News on Tuesday from the American Petroleum Institute that U.S. crude stocks dropped by 5.72 million barrels in the second week of April also buoyed world prices.

Cormorant Alpha produces

only a modest 40,000 barrels of oil a day. But Tuesday's blast forced closure of a pumping system that had taken more than 470,000 barrels daily to the Sullom Voe terminal, 100 miles away in the Shetland isles.

Total British oil output had been running at about 1.8 million barrels a day before the blast. already sharply below the 2.5 million of a year ago because of previous accidents.

Among these was the world's worst offshore oil disaster last July 6 when explosions in a gas compressor on North Sea platform Piper Alpha killed 167 men. A floating storage vessel broke loose in a storm in December forcing more platforms to close. Shell Expro is a unit of Shell

U.K. Ltd., part of the Royal Dutch/Shell oil group.

India puts three big ports under state of emergency

NEW DELHI (R) — Authorities man for Karachi Port Trust said. declared a state of emergency at India's three biggest ports Wednesday in a bid to crush a dock workers' strike which has reduced trade to a trickle.

The strike by some 300,000 dock workers for higher wages has virtually paralysed India's 10 major ports at a time when the govrnment is laying special emphasis on exports.

Businessmen fear foreign ves-sels may dump cargoes destined for India at ports in other countries because of the strike.

About 50 India-bound vessels have already diverted to Karachi in Pakistan to unload containers as a result of the strike, a spokes-

A spokesman for the surface transport ministry in New Delhi said a state of emergency had been declared at Bombay, Calcutta and Madras to enable port authorities to hire unregistered

sures but so far only shipping line staff have been drafted to move

the government and dock union leaders ended Tuesday with the two sides still, far apart.

doors are still open (for talks) but they have not responded. The

Canadian investors bid \$20m for Jerusalem Post

TEL AVIV (R) — A Canadian group, including the owner of England's Daily Telegraph, made a surprise bid of \$20 million for the Jerusalem Post, millions more than the next closest bid, newspaper sources said Tuesday.

Israel's Koor Industries, which owns the small but influential English-language daily, received 10 bids for the newspaper, news editor David Richardson told Reuters.

The Jerusalem Post has been assessed as worth about \$3 miltion, Israel television reported. It has a daily circulation of 28,000

The offer by a Canadian group including Daily Telegraph owner Conrad Black was more than twice the bid from British publisher Robert Maxwell and the Canadian Claridge Group headed by Charles Bronfman, the news-

A spokesman for Koor, a troubled Labour federation-owned conglomerate that is selling off assets as part of a recovery plan, said the company was not com-

spoke on condition he not be named said Koor would be hard pressed to reject a bid so much higher than others. Other bids included a manage-

mitted to selling to the highest

ment buy-out and an offer by Arye Genger, a U.S.-based Israeli businessman with close ties to hawkish Trade and Industry Minister Ariel Sharon.

The Jerusalem Post was founded in 1932. The staff at the left-leading paper called Tuesday for editorial independence no matter who won the bidding.

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workers to handle cargo.

He said other ports had been authorised to take similar mea-

export cargoes.

The last informal talks between

The spokesman said: "Our

the navy and territorial army on loaded by machine.

> Commerce and Industry, said he feared supplies of raw materials

stalemate is continuing." The dock workers want a 25 per cent pay rise. The govern-ment has offered just under 16

per cent. Minister of State for Surface Transport Rajesh Pilot told parliament the strike was illegal because it began while conciliation proceedings under the industrial disputes law were still underway.

Government have taken steps to minimise the difficulties that the strike will cause by making arrangements to continue the handling of essential commodities such as crude oil, petroleum products, edible oils and defence cargo," he said.
The government summoned

Monday to handle cargoes un-Businessmen are beginning to feel the pinch and fearing the

K.R.V. Subrahmaniam, president of the Bombay Chambers of

Inc., a hospitality-industry trademark since 1954, has agreed

to sell its 825 hotels and motels,

change its name and become a

gambling operation, the company

The \$540 million sale to New

World Development Co. of Hong

Kong will reduce Ramada's hold-

ings to three casinos in Nevada

In turn, Prime Motor Inns of

Fairfield, New Jersey, will pay an undisclosed sum to New World to

operate as franchisor of roughly

600 hotels and motels in the

United States that are under the

Ramada and Rodeway names.

144.000 rooms under the Ramada

Inns, Ramada Hotels, Rodeway

Inns and Renaissance Hotels

Banners. Prime will not act as

franchisor for the Renaissance

The hotel group has more than

said Tuesday.

Jersey.

to industry would soon be affected as ships unload at other

"Buyers of Indian goods will take a dim view of what is hap-pening in this country," he said. India's exports in the 1988/89 financial year ended last March are estimated at 200 billion rup-pes (\$13.5 billion). The governpes (\$13.5 billion). The government is hoping to double exports

Calcutta exporter Lalit Toolsi-das said India's jute exports, especially commitments to the Soviet Union, could be badly hit by the strike. Calcutta jute exporters have

contracts to deliver up to 40,000 the Soviet Union.

"There is a need for a long-

To concentrate on gambling operations

PHOENIX (AP) - Ramada hotels or any overseas Ramada

properties.

tonnes between April and June to Bombay businessman B.S. Grover said exporters were already jittery about losing con-

term solution to the dock labour problem which keeps recurring with sickening regularity, un-doing evreything on the export front," Grover said.

Ramada spokesman Joe Cole

said company executives ex-

pected a return to profitability by concentrating on gaming. He said

the new company, still unnamed,

had no immediate plans for ex-

going to run the properties we

pleted a five-year, \$350 million

to New World, and the gaming

company will continue its head-

quarters in Phoenix, he said.

The Ramada name will belong

Ramada announced March 24

that it had agreed to sell its Marie Callender Pie Shops restaurant business. That sale for undis-

closed terms will be completed by

Shareholders in Ramada will

the end of the month, Cole said.

get \$7 a share in cash and one-

capital-expansion plan."

"For the time being, we're

Ramada agrees to sell hotel group

Jordan Phosphate Mines Company invites joint venture investments

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Jordan Phosphate Mines Company (JPMC) last year concluded an agreement with Pakistani fertiliser processing companies to produce fertilisers employing phos-phates imported from Jordan,

according to a company official. He said that products would be based on phosphoric acid produced by the Company in Jordan.

The company also welcomes any future deals with other companies from different countries wishing to enter into joint ventures and employ phosphate mined at Shidieh mines in south-

The transaction is a major step

in Ramada's restructuring plan,

begun last October, company

chairman Richard Snell said.
"New World and Prime are

making a major commitment to

achieve success for the 800-plus

hotels in the Ramada and Rode-

way systems," Snell said in a

Inc. shareholders will benefit

from their investment with cash

and a continuing interest in the

new gaming company."

Cole said the full restructuring

would be completed within two to

before we have the approval of

the shareholders, plus getting it

through the gaming regulators and making the distribution of

the dividend and new stock,"

"It will be about that long

According to the company official, the government will welcome any joint venture to be established in the Kingdom and will consider it as a development scheme entitling it to all the privileges granted under the encouragement of investment law. The company director-general

Tuesday announced that the company aims to produce up to seven million tonnes of phosphate during 1989.

The director-general also said that the JPMC last year realised a net profit on its sales amounting to JD 22.41 million against JD

Ramada operates the Trop-

world Casino and entertainment

resort in Atlantic City, recently

refurbished for \$200 million and

reopened as the largest casino

The \$60 million Ramada Ex-

press Hotel Casino opened last

June in Laughlin, Nevada. The other two holdings are the Tropi-

cana Resort and Casino in Las

Vetas and Eddie's Fabulous 50's

The new company will employ

about 10,000 people, Cole said.

Ramada currently employs about 20,000 — half in its gaming op-

erations, 5,600 in the hotel group.

The company lost \$5.1 million

and about 3,400 in the restaurant

in 1988, when it got \$477 million

in revenue from casino opera-tions and \$244 million from hotels

Casino in Reno.

and motels.

According to the director, the company officials earlier stated company last year sold JD 140.9 that plans were being made for against JD 94.76 million in the cess by rail.

Most of the phosphate, he said, came from the Wadi Al Abiad, Shidieh and Hassa mines, all located in the southern parts of

JPMC transports the phosphate from the mines to the port a pre-requisite for allowing them city of Aqaba by rail and trucks and to carry on their mission.

million worth of phosphate boosting the transportation pro-Transport and Telecom-

munications Minister Khaled Al Haj Hassan earlier this year. announced that trucks wishing to transport goods from or to Aqaba will have to transport phosphate from the mines to the port city as

AMMAN EXCHANGE RATES

Tuesday, April 18, 1989 Central Bank official rates

U.S. dollar Pound St erling Deutschemark	Bey 538.0 918.4 288.7	Sell 542.0 928.2 291.6	Swiss franc French franc Japanese yen (for 100) Dutch guilder Swedish crown It alian lira (for 100) Belgian franc (for 10)	327.9 85.3 406.9 255.9 84.8 39.3 137.9	331.8 86.1 410.8 258.3 85.6 39.7 139.2
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LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Wednesday.

One U.S. dollar 1.1863/73 1.8595/602 2.0975/85 1.6340/50 38.92/95 6.2975/3025 1364/1365 131.95/132.05 6.3330/80 6.7530/80

Ordinaries had jumped 27.1 to 1,449.6.

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per cent up.

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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

trading and the index recorded its highest gain in over a year as

investors returned to the market in droves. By 0515 GMT the All

TOKYO — Prices firmed to a record close, fluctuating in narrow,

featureless trade. Buying was sparked by Wall Street's surge to post-crash highs on optimism interest rates would not be pushed

HONG KONG - Stocks closed firmer after a session of

day-trading which saw strong morning gains followed by profit-taking. The Hang Seng Index rose 28.66 to 3,164.09.

SINGAPORE — Prices closed mixed after late profit-taking emerged to wipe out the morning's gains in hectic trading, brokers

said. The Straits Times Industrial Index was down 0.72 at

BOMBAY — Share prices closed mixed in alternate bouts of

buying and selling with sentiment affected by end-of-account

FRANKFURT — Shares ended mixed to lower as volume

dropped off after last week's lively trade but the market's mood remained positive on good corporate results. The DAX Index closed at 1,388.53, off 5.61 points from the previous close.

ZURICH — Share prices closed steady to lower as most blue chips

came off highs on light profit-taking. The market index of leading shares fell 8.4 to 1,565.6 points.

PARIS — Share prices ended firm with trading fairly active despite the end of the April account month Thursday. The

50-share price indicator was 0.47 per cent up after opening 0.28

LONDON - Shares closed firm after an active session with more

institutional cash in the market. By 1440 GMT the FTSE 100

stood 9.5 points higher at 2,083.9. By 1400 GMT 518 million

leading shares had changed hands, the most for many weeks.

NEW YORK — Stocks showed little change in uncertain trading,

though volume was moderate to heavy. The Dow was hovering

around its close at 2380, a post-crash high, and gaining issues

higher. The Nikkei rose 42.17 to a record 33,363.83.

Swiss francs Belgian francs French francs It alian lire Japanese yen Swedish crowns Norwegian crowns Danish crowns

Canadian dollar

Deutschemarks

Dutch guilders

One ounce of gold

Tanzania launches 5-year plan to boost growth SYDNEY -- Shares surged to monthly highs by the close of floor

three months.

Cole said.

DAR ES SALAAM (R) — Tanzanian President Ali Hassan Mwinyi has launched a new fiveyear development plan aimed at boosting economic growth and overhauling the country's run-down road and rail system.

Mwinyi told parliament in the future inland capital of Dodoma Tuesday night that the 1988-1993 plan would try to push economic growth to six per cent a year in mainland Tanzania and four per cent on the autonomous offshore island of Zanzibar.

"These are big increases considering that the GDP (gross domestic product) has been increasing by 0.8 per cent on the mainland and 2.1 per cent in Zanzibar between 1981 and Mwinyi said the new develop-

ment plan aimed to cut the

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budget deficit dramatically, rehabilitate Tanzania's rundown transportation system and boost exports by a third.

The president set socialist Tanzania on a programme of economic liberalisation and reform backed by the International Monetary Fund and World Bank soon after coming to power in

The new five-year development plan represents a continuation of his original three-year economic recovery programme. He said its success would depend on further substantial foreign aid

Tanzania expects to receive \$800 million worth of aid from Western donors during the cur-rent July-June financial year. Mwinyi said Tanzania's agriculture-based economy had picked up thanks to the reforms already implemented and he forecast growth of four per cent this year, up from 3.9 per cent in 1987/88 and 2.9 per cent in 1986/87. Exports were expected to reach \$400 million in 1988-89 financial year, up from \$347 million in 1987-88,

He said the government was

cutting the budget deficit to 9.6 billion shillings (\$71 million) this year from 28.5 billion (\$300 million) in 1987/88, but he did give details of how this would be achieved.

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NBA Roundup

PHOENIX (AP) — The Phoenix postponed by rioting in Overton, Suns boast the National Basket-Florida. ball Association's no. 1 offense,

record-setting blowouts.

Jeff Hornacek. "We're definitely
But as their winning streak has the hottest team around right grown to eight games, the Suns now." also have done a big job on

starting to become really good at we're going to be very tough to it, like it's second nature and we beat." mow what to do.

easy baskets. This is really getting like they did to us." to be fun."

loss — a 135-123 defeat at Sac-ramento's 24 turnovers and imramento on March 30 — that got proved their homecourt record to the defence in gear.

worst field goal shooting team tion. would not be defensive patries

Since then, the Suns have li- than the Lakers, doing it in 1980mited opponents to a high of 49 81. per cent shooting and a low of 37 per cent.

Monday night's 140-85 win over Sacramento was the Kings' thing they need - good defensive second-worst loss in their 41-year stoppers and great perimeter history and Phoenix's most lop-shooters. I would say the Suns sided victory in its 21 seasons. right now are probably the best It came after a 137-91 home team in the NBA." win Saturday night over San Phoenix, 28-54 last season, has Antonio, which shattered the the third-best turnaround in Suns' previous mark for a lop-league history at 53-26. The win sided victory by three points.

rently and is one short of the trailing only the 57-victory season franchise record, originally set in of 1980-81 and 55 victories of 1971-72 and matched in 1978-79. 1979-80. Phoenix plays the expansion The 57-year-old Fitzsimmons, Miami heat Wednesday night in hired last May 10 for his second the makeup of a Jan. 17 game stint as head coach.

"We hope we can win that one and they have scored 277 points and keep this streak going all the in their last two games, both way into the playoffs," said guard record-setting blowouts.

"We're on a roll," said Eddie Johnson, the league's top-scoring "We've been emphasising de-sixth man with a 21.6-point averfence in practice with the playoffs age. "We're passing the ball excoming up," said forward Tom tremely well, hitting the open Chambers, who leads the team in man. Even our bench guys are both scoring (25.8) and rebound-putting the ball through the hoop. ing (8.4). "It's tough to learn the Defensively, if we just give a defensive rotations but we're team one shot at the basket,

ow what to do.

"If they keep playing like this, "Our defensive concentration they'll be world champions," said is really good now. We aren't Kings forward Wayman Tisdale. allowing teams to get any spurts, "I've never seen a team take nothing consistent offensively, no another team out of everything

be fun." Phoenix had a season-high 16 Ironically, it was the Suns' last steals, netted 30 points off Sac-35-5 overall and 28-0 against The Kings, who are the NBA's Western Conference competi-

this season at 45 per cent, hit 54 The victory put the Suns a per cent against Phoenix in that half-game behind the Los game and Suns coach Cotton Angeles Lakers for both the Con-Fitzsimmons vowed his club ference and Pacific Division lead. They are the only team this decade to win the division other

right now," said Kings coach Jer-ry Reynolds. "They've got every-

total is the third-highest in club The eight-game winning streak history, tying the mark estab-is the longest in the league cur- lished by the 1982-83 team and

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Q.2-Neither vulnerable, as South you hold: **±J6** ♥**KJ5** ♦**AKQ167 ±AQ4** Your right-hand opponent opens three hearts. What action do you take?

Q.3-Neither vulnerable, as South The bidding has proceeded: North East 2 0 Pass

What do you bid now?

Q.4-Both vulnerable, as South you

Q.1—Both vulnerable, as South you #AQ74 \$\times 6 \times \text{KI952} \pm 873 \text{hold:}

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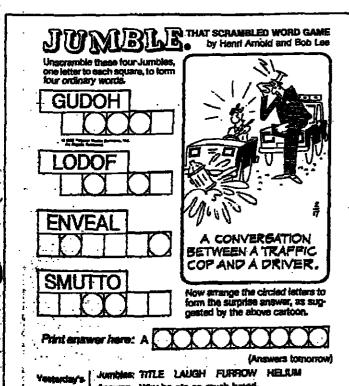
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Q.6-As South, vulnerable, you ♥7 ♦AK9872 ♣A63 **±** 954 The bidding has proceeded: North East South W 20 Pass

Pass What action do you take? Look for answers on Monday



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Johnson's trial delayed

TORONTO (R) - Sprinter Ben Johnson's trial on weapons charges has been adjourned until August because testimony at a federal inquiry into drug use in amateur sports could be prejudicial to his case, his lawyer said Tuesday.

Johnson will plead not guilty when he appears in provincial court on August 22 on allegations he threatened a motorist with a gun while driving his black Porsche on a Toronto highway last October, lawyer Martin Kerbel He was stripped of his gold medal in the 100 metres at the

Seoul Olympics last September after a urine test showed evidence of the banned anabolic steroid stanozolol. The scandal sparked the creation of a federal inquiry that has

amateur sports. "The royal commission is dealing with stuff that intimately involves him at this time," Kerbel told Reuters. "It wouldn't be Johnson's trial had been sche-

exposed widespread drug use in

duled to begin Monday. The motorist in the highway incident last October noted the



licence plate number, which police said led them to Johnson's car. Police later confiscated from Johnson's Porsche a starter's pis-tol, a gun that can only fire blanks.

Johnson, 26, told police he had been driving the car at the time but denied he had pointed the gun at anyone. The athlete, charged with one

count of assault and one count of possession of a weapon dangerous to the public peace, faces either a jail term, fine or probation if found guilty.

Johnson has no criminal record.

FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 1989

YOUR HOROSCOPE As Charted By The Carroll Righter Astrological Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: The full moon occurs today at 7:13 p.m. CST. Restlessness and excessive energy create stress. Relationships are strained, yet there is a sense of humor maintained through it all. New projects can wait. ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Good

luck is helped by listening to a friend. Mobilize your efforts, and keep to your planned schedule as much as possible. TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Be

cautious when approaching super-iors with negative issues. You are loyal to your work and profit from your recent efforts.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Plot career moves and watch pro-

jects mature. Relax and enjoy yourself with close friends. There is a lot of amusement to enjoy. MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Good rules in the home will make for better traffic patterns. Insist on fair schedules. Ignore temporary hostile attitudes.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) A spiritual friend may have strong advice concerning money and career. Companions are nice, but the gossip is unvalibble.

is unreliable. VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Take semeone's hand in Exendship. You

aggressive mood can bring forth an exciting day with surprises. Be alert when handling money transactions. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Sexual attraction can be real, un-timely and very pleasant. Do things your own way. You are operating efficiently. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec.

may be looking at a lot of romantic scenery these days. An intimate friend is a generous companion. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Your

21) You may have to give the gang at home an ultimatum to shape up or ship out. Someone wants to limit your activities. Stick to your guns. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) You may have to wiggle out of an unpleasant situation. Cooperation with others is necessary to get AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19)

This can be a fun day if you let it roll along on it's own course. Keep plans loose. Finish work early and head for those fun spots.
PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Go

over money matters. Find a new way to handle an old problem. Work on stability and basics, but remember to have fun.

FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 1989

GENERAL TENDENCIES: yourself and the whole family. A flexible attitude will bring surprises There is a tendency to get boxed in to routines that are old and worn out. The day favors sensual excitement that is low key, private, secluded and even hush-hush. The

mouse in the corner will love it. ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Others are rooting for you. It is possible to win on many fronts to-day. Personal obligations take time. A financial clue is valuable. A mandag cine is vacuum.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)
You prefer to have time to finish
personal projects. Someone ag-

essive may come on like a steam roller.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21)
You are not a collector, but a garage sale this weekend would bring favorable results. Tune your mind

to pleasant thoughts.
MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) It may be difficult to con-Jul. 21) It may be minimized to control matters according to your own wishes. It may be necessary to procrastinate on a creative project.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21)
Upheavals on the domestic front call for some fence mending. You are on firm ground but give atten-tion where it is needed. VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Head for a favorite spa and treat

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THE Daily Crossword by Henry Subshandle

and adventure LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) The

social scene promises to be lively. It seems like the start of a fun weekend. Being active is great for SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

Your lethergic mood can irritate feisty family members who are demanding. You can finish errands quickly. The p.m. brings change. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You can be practical, as well as creative, when you want to. You need to schedule your time to keep things humming.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20)

Someone you are eager to meet would enjoy a phone call or other contact. Don't overindulge, Handle money carefully.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19)

A rest would be good for you, but not today. Demands on your time are making you a wreck. Cover less ground with more gusto. PISCES Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) This

can easily be a scattered day if you let it. Concentrate on details that can be overlooked. Wine, dine and circulate with friends.

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Death toll continues to rise

Liverpool defers replay decision

LONDON (R) — Liverpool soccer club Tuesday deferred a decision on whether to continue in this season's F.A. Cup competition after the deaths of 95 of their fans at Hillsborough. .

Liverpool chairman John Smith, after a three-hour board meeting at the club, said the Football Association had been insensitive in asking the club to make up its mind so soon after the tragedy. The board put off any decision until next Tuesday. The F.A. had said the semifinal

with Nottingham Forest, abandoned after six minutes Saturday when fans in the Liverpool end were crushed to death, could be replayed if the Merseyside chub agreed.

Francona:

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) -Terry Francona said he doesn't have Nolan Ryan's number, just a lucky rabbit's foot when he plays against the ace major

a Ryan jinx?

owner of

league baseball pitcher.
Already in this young 1989 baseball season, Francona has broken up a Ryan no-hitter in one game and collected two hits and scored two runs against him

Francona helped drive Ryan out of the game Monday night in an 8-1 Milwaukee Brewers' victory that snapped in Texas Rangers' winning streak at eight games, one shy of the franchise record. A week ago, he singled in the eighth inning to snap Ryan's bid for a sixth no-hitter.

"Everybody is acting like I got Ryan's number, but I'm just happy to be playing against him,' Francona said.

Francona and Ryan do have the same agent, Dick Moss. After Francona broke up Ryan's no-hitter last week, Ryan quipped, "well at least we kept it in the family." Francona said his hits against

Rvan "were fortunate ones." He said Ryan can pitch well even on a bad night. "I'll take hits off anybody," Francona said. "Even on an off

night, Ryan still has decent stuff. We got a lot of breaks." Francona said his hits against Ryan were bleeders. "On the first one I doubled

down the right field line with just a dribbler down the first base line, he jammed me pretty good and I just fought it off," Francona Francona, who was an invited

free agent to training camp, said there should be a bonus for anyone who hits Ryan's pitches. "You don't get any extra points

on your batting average for get-ting hits off Nolan Ryan," Fran-cona said. "It's tougher to get them off Nolan but they don't count any more than any others." Ryan said he doesn't think Francona has a jinx over him.

"He hasn't mastered me yet," Rvan said. "He did hit a good pitch for a double, but the second

hit he got was a nubber." Ryan said he didn't have command of his pitches.

to the future of the F.A. Cup competition so close to those events, with supporters lying seriously ill in hospital and funerals to be arranged." A 14-year-old boy injured in The F.A. had earmarked Sunday May 7 as a replay date for the

the crush at the Sheffield stadium died overnight, bringing the death total to 95. semifinal, but chief executive Graham Kelly said Monday they would respect Liverpool's wishes. Liverpool have postponed their top-of-the-league clash with Smith said on Tuesday the F.A. was putting the club under addi-Arsenal next Sunday as a sign of

tional pressure at a time of grief respect for the victims and the by naming a new date so early. football league said Tuesday that 'We consider it insensitive of they and the other two the F.A. to make this request so Merseyside clubs, Everton and soon," he said after the board Tranmere Rovers, could put off all their fixtures indefinitely.

"We regret that we feel unable "We all feel there should be a to make any decision with respect decent period of mourning but final.

how long that should be," football league president Jack Dunnett said.

Kelly said later Tuesday that the F.A.'s plans for holding the semifinal on May 7 at Manchester United's Old Trafford ground would be held in abeyance until at least after the Liverpool board's meeting next Tuesday.

F.A. chairman Bert Millichip has said he would like to see the proceeds from the cup final, if it was played, go to the families of those who died at Hillsborough.

Liverpool's neighbours, Everton, are already through to the

McEnroe and Lendi dazzle TOKYO (R) - John McEuroe

and Ivan Lendl unleashed flashes of brilliance to secure victories but four more seeds, including seriously injured Pat Cash, crashed out of the \$752,500 Japan Open tennis tournament Wednesday. Former Wimbeldon champion

Cash, seeded 16th here, crum-pled into a writhing ball of agony after attempting a serve and was carried off court on a stretcher during the first set of his match against American Bill Scanlon. The Australian's coach, Ian

Barclay, said Cash would fly to Melbourne Wednesday night for surgery on his right Achilles tendon. He may be out of competition for up to two months.

Sweden's Mikael Pernfors, seeded eighth, 13th-seeded Au-stralian John Fitzgerald and

American Robert Seguso, number 15, all fell in the second round to follow Tuesday's three beaten seeds out of the event. But on centre court, thirdseeded McEnroe dazzled the local crowd with a 6-2, 6-2 win over unseeded Australian Brad

The American, whose comeback success began when he won here last year, produced much of his old magic, including tantalis-ing lobs to back court and lightning reactions at the net.
"I certainly think I have im-

proved a lot since last year," McEnroe said. "But I don't think played the best I can play."



John McEnroe

In the first set he broke Drewett's serve in the second and eighth games. He then plundered the first four games of set two before Drewett, ranked 119, showed a little form by breaking just getting used to the condi-McEnroe in the fifth. just getting used to the condi-tions," he said. McEnroe in the fifth. At 30-30 in the final game,

come American Paul Cha- from tennis until the French mberlin 7-6 (7-4) 6-3. The unseeded Chamberlin sur-



Asked about meeting old

McEnroe bolted across most of the court to scoop up the ball and lob it over Drewett's head. The Australian hung his head, turned, strolled back to the baseline and served a double fault for the World number one Lendl had

to labour in the first set to over- Scott Davis and said he will rest

vived two set points in the ninth fellow-Australian Jason Stoltengame but blew the fie-break with berg and Seguso went down 6-3, a series of errors, blasting a 6-3 to unseeded Milan Srejber of "home-run" into the crowd at set Czechoslovakia.

"Ivan Lendi point. Lendl, who took the next set with his normal intense, powerful tennis, was underawed by his victory." I had difficulties. I was

friend Bill Scanlon in round three, the big Czechoslovak said "I won't remember the part about him being a friend. He is just another guy trying to beat me.' Pernfors blamed a surfeit of tennis and flagging enthusiasm

for his 6-3, 6-2 loss to American Open in May. Fitzgerald lost 5-7, 6-2, 7-5 to

Zamalek disqualified from Cup

CAIRO (R) — Sudan's Mawrada Federation (AFF) suspended Egypt's Zamalek for misconduct at a match in Khartoum, an AFF spokesman said Wednesday.

Spokesman Vikein Heragia told Reuters a committee from Cameroon, Mauritius, Somalia and Guinea led by the AFF president Eisa Hayatou suspended Zamalek from this year's competition.

The committee also suspended until September 18 six Egyptian players from all African soccer competitions A final decision on thier fate would be taken during the next

AFF council meetings due in

Cairo on September 18, Heragia

The six players included three national team Friday in the second leg match with Ethiopia in eliminations for the African Nations Cup. Egypt lost its first leg in Ethiopia 0-1.

The Egyptian team manager Mahmoud Gawhari told reporters the AFF decision made it difficult for him as three other internationals — Alaa Mayhoub, Ismail Youssef and Hossam Hassan — had leg injuries.

He quickly recalled Egypt's sole professional midfielder Magdi Abdel-Ghani who plays for Beera Mar, a Portuguese first division club. He also lined up other reservists from local clubs to fill the gap.

Abdel-Ghani arrived in Cairo soccer club qualified for the next internationals Ashraf Qassem, Tuesday night and told reporters round in the African Champion's Ahmed Ramzi and Effat Nassar he was confident Egypt would Cup after the African Football who were due to play with the beat Ethiopia.

The Ethiopian referee Kevele Kidanie stopped the April 1 Khartoum match in the 55th minute when Ibrahim Youssef, Zamalek's captain, was alleged to have refused to leave the field after he was shown a red card for

Mawrada was leading at the time 1-0 and had lost the Cairo leg 1-2 two weeks earlier.

According to the referee's re-port other Zamalek players tried to attack him which made it impossible to continue the match. Zamalek denied all claims by the referee against the Egyptian players and filed a protest which the AFF rejected.

Peanuts







Mutt'n' Jeff

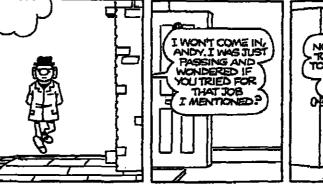








Andy Capp







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As the crush develops at Hilisborough stadium, Liverpool supporters try to climb the fence to safety but are sent back by police trying to prevent a pitch invasion during Saturday's stampede

'Drunken fans robbed Sheffield corpses'

LONDON (R) - Drunken liverpool fans looted the corpses of supporters crushed to death in Hillsborough soccer stadium and attacked police tending to the injured, British newspapers reported

The reports said fans pilfered money and possessions from the dead and attacked police after Saturday's crowd crush killed 95 people at a football match between Liverpool and Nottingham Forest in the northern city of Sheffield. Most papers gave prominent treatment to the allegations under

banner headlines such as "crush bodies looted" and "police hit The Daily Express quoted Conservative Sheffield Member of Parliament Irvine Patnick as saying: "I spoke to many policemen in

the makeshift mortuary. They told me they were hampered, harassed, punched and kicked.

"They had no reason to lie. I saw the bruises on their bodies," he added. "One important question that must be answered is what part alcohol played in this whole tragic business."

Police have been severely criticised for a senior officers's decision to open a gate that let thousands of fans surge onto a packed terrace already filled with standing supporters. It was Britain's worst sporting disaster. But they say that decision was taken under extreme pressure as

waves of supporters swept towards the stadium in the last minutes before the start of the Football Association Cup semifinal. The Daily Telegraph quoted Paul Middup, chairman of the South Yorkshire Police Federation, as saying many of the fans had been drinking heavily before the game.

"There was mass drunkenness among many of the 3,000 supporters who turned up at the turnstiles just before kick-off. Some of them were uncontrollable. A great number of them had

obviously been drinking heavily," he said.

Other newspapers quoted unnamed police officers as saying fans had urinated on them as they attempted to save lives after the

Liverpool supporters and club officials have fiercely rejected suggestions that hooliganism caused the disaster. They have demanded the resignation of European soccer chief Jacques Georges for comparing fans at the game to "beasts who wanted to charge into an arena.

Georges has since written to the English Football Association saying he may have reacted too harshly because of memories of the 1985 Heysel stadium disaster in Brussels when 39 spectators died in a crowd crush. In that tragedy, Liverpool fans charged supporters of Italian side Juventus and a wall collapsed in the ensuing panic.

Scientist defends fusion research

University of Utah scientist who claimed to have achieved fusion in a jar of water says further more energy and run more effi-

Chemistry Professor Stanley Pons also said at a news conference Monday that the claims he made last month with British colleague Martin Fleischmann had been partly verified by more than 60 university and private laboratories.

Fleischmann, of the University of Southampton, said in a Radio Netherlands interview that he had not wanted to announce the process until next year, but because of the importance of the work, the scientists had to "publish and be damned."

The two drew scepticism from experts when they announced March 23 that an experiment using common lab equipment at room temperature had been run for more than 100 hours and had achieved nuclear fusion, produc-



B. Stanley Pons and Martin Fleischmann watts of electricity from the ex-

ing four times as much energy as it used. Pons said Monday that a con-

trolled fusion reaction has been sustained more than 800 hours in a small flask containing heavy water and a palladium electrode. He said recent tests produced roughly eight times the energy consumed.

Pons said researchers measured the production of 20 to 30

Creating Fusion in a Bottle

The standard approach to fusion uses powerful magnets or lasers. The new method uses simple, cheap chemistry.

undergoes surgery

Ball, the Zany redbeaded queen of comedy, was in guarded condition Wednesday after seven hours of emergency high-risk cardiac surgery during which she received heart tissue donated from a 27year-old man.

Sinai Medical Centre with her husband, Gary Morton.

"She came out of the surgery OK," said Ron Wise, the hospital's spokesman.

Ball suffered a tear in her aorta, the main artery in the body, said ber surgeon, Dr. Robert Kass.

heart was stopped for two hours, said Kass. With the heart stopaortric valve. The donor was a 27-year-old man, Kass said. No other details were released about

the "high-risk procedure with a fairly substantial mortality rate," the surgeon said

itially."

Ball probably will be in intensive care for several days and remain hsoptialised for weeks, Wise said.

As word of Ball's heart attack spread, the hospital's switchboards were jammed with calls from well-wishers and news organisations around the world. Wise said that flowers also were

Comedian LOS ANGELES (AP) — Lucille

The 77-year-old comedian suf-fered a heart attack at her fashionable Beverely Hills home Tuesday, and arrived at Cedars-

During the operation, her ped, blood was pumped through her body by a machine as Kass replaced part of her aorta and

the donor. Ball was listed as guarded after

"The fact that she came through this leaves me optimis-Kass told reporters late Tuesday. "The major risk is in the operating room, at least in-

Colombo ends truce

COLOMBO (Agencies) — The government Wednesday ended its unilateral ceasefire after a week in which 110 people were killed in escalated ethnic violence. officials said.

"It is back again to anti-subver- have claimed 12,600 lives in the sive operations," Deputy De- past six years. fence Minister Ranjan Wijeratne said in an interview.

The government of President Ranasinghe Premadasa had ordered suspension of military operations against Tamil and Sinhalese militants to give them a chance to surrender and join the political mainstream.

Military officials said 233 Sinhalese radicals surrendered during the week at 228 centres set up across the country. The officials cannot be identified under briefing rules.

Although the ceasefire had en-ded, Wijeratne said "the subversives could still surrender if they "Subversives" is the term used

by officials for Tamil and Sinhalese extremists whose separate wars against the government

In the worst incident of violence during the ceasefire, 45 people were killed Thursday in northeast Sri Lanka in a carbombing blamed on the largest Tamil guerrilla group, the Liberation of Tamil Eelam.

The guerrillas denied responsi-. bility for the explosion and in a surprise move Saturday said they were ready for talks with the government. That may pave the way for an end to their six-yearold campaign for a separate

The Tigers have appointed Anton Balasingham, a Sri Lank-an-born Tamil who is now a British citizen, to start the peace talks. Balasingham, the recently named head of the Tigers' political section, is expected to arrive soon from London, according to Premadasa's press secretary Evans Cooray.

Premadasa also offered to talk With Sinhalese extremists who launched a violent campaign against the government after former President Junius R. Jayewardene tried to make peace with the Tamil separatists.

The Sinhalese radicals, whose group is called the People's Liberation Front, said too many concessions were being given to Tamils and started assassinating Sinhalese government officials and supporters. They have not yet responded to the government

Tamil militants began fighting in 1983 for a separate homeland they want to set up in northern and eastern provinces where most Tamils live.

Tamils comprise 18 per cent of Sri Lanka's 16 million people and say they are discriminated in jobs and education by the majority

Sri Lanka's government and military has been dominated by the Sinhalese

Prosecutor likens North attitude to Adolf Hitler's

WASHINGTON (R) — The prosecution likened the attitude of former White House aide Oliver North to that of Hitler while the defence depicted him as a patriot who risked his life for his country as the Iran-contra trial wound

"North... (is) following Adolf Hitler's old strategy: the victor will never be asked if he told the truth," chief prosecutor John Keker said during Tuesday's

In reply chief defence counsel Brendan Sullivan depicted North as a patriot, "who put his life on the line in Vietnam... the kind of man who puts himself in the way of danger so others are pro-

"This is a phony case from start to finish and I'm going to show you why," Sullivan said. "Worst is the reference to Adolf Hitler... you should be offended by it and you should judge everything they Colonel North to Adolf Hitler is not credible." North, a former lieutenant col-

onel in the marines, is on trial on 12 criminal charges stemming from his role in the 1985-86 Irancontra plan to sell arms to Iran and funnel the proceeds to the Nicaraguan contras at a time when military aid to the rebels was banned.

Sullivan accused prosecutors of giving a distorted view of the facts viewing evidence "through a filthy glass.

"The evidence is overwhelming that it's the government that's blaming Oliver North for everything," he said in his final argument Tuesday. "The view of evidence in this

court is sick and twisted... seen through a filthy glass," Sullivan The fired National Security

aide has pleaded innocent to all charges, including lying to Con-gress, obstructing an investigacause anybody who would link tion by the attorney general, shredding or altering government documents, illegally using travellers checks earmarked for the contras, illegally using a taxexempt organisation to funnel military aid to the contras and accepting an illegal gratuity — a \$14,000 home security system while still a government em-

North has admitted committing several of these acts, but insists he is innocest of crime because he had a diminal intent and acted with authorisation from the highest officials in the Reagan government, including the presi-

Sullivan will complete his summation Wednesday, followed by a prosecution rebuttal. The jury is expected to begin deliberations by noon Thursday.

Chinese students defy warning, stage protests

Chinese students defied official warnings Wednesday and staged a third day of pro-democracy demonstrations in Peking's Tiananmen Square.

Three thousand students at Fudan University in Shanghai, China's biggest city, also held a peaceful campus rally, voicing demands for democratic rights. Tuere were unconfirmed

accounts from official sources of student unrest in other major cities.

Students who took part in this week's protests — the biggest spontaneous demonstrations in Peking since 1976 — said they had no organisation and were not sure how the escalating confrontation with authorities would be resolved.

Many came simply to mourn the death of former Communist Party leader Hu Yaobang by bearing wreaths and a giant portrait to the centre of Peking's vast square, but others used the occasion to press for democratic re-

Students from Peking Universi-

A placard with the words "overthrow dictatorship" was seen on the People's Heroes Monument in the centre of the More than 3,000 students mar-

ched peacefully past party and government headquarters where crowds had demonstrated for five hours early on Wednesday before being dispersed by police.
State radio and the official New

China News Agency announced that some people wanted to use Hu's death last Saturday "to create and incite trouble". The demonstration outside the

Zhongnanhai compound, where some of China's leaders live and work, was illegal, the official statement said.

"We are not afraid of the authorities. This is a patriotic duty," said one undergraduate in reply. The Communist Party

announced that a memorial service for Hu would be held April 22 in the Great Hall of the People which runs along the western edge of Tiananmen Square. Students said they expected

ty and other colleges chanted universities to try to stage a rival ousted, like H "Oppose dictatorship" and ceremony in the square. They ers this year.

probably seal off the whole area. Hu, a liberal reformist, was hardliners who accused him of betraying communism for Western political ideas after nationwide student demonstrations calling for democracy and freedom. Although Hu was disgraced and put into political limbo for the rest of his life, the authorities have portrayed him since his death as a great revolutionary and statesman. No reference has been made to his earlier alleged

"mistakes". Wednesday's Communist Party newspaper People's Daily had three front-page pictures of Hu and one on the back showing him playing against senior leader Deng Xiaoping at bridge.

A senior Western diplomat

said Zhao Ziyang, who succeeded Hu in January 1987, could stand to gain from the student actions.

"This mass outpouring of grief should not hurt Zhao. It would be difficult, near suicidal to think of dumping Zhao," the diplomat said, commenting on some Western news reports Zhao could be ousted, like Hu, by party hardlin-

Constanzo, and the alleged "godmother," Sara Aldrete Vil-

larreal, were charged along with

a federal grand jury in McAllen,

They were charged with con-

spiracy to import marijuana, im-

porting marijuana, conspiracy to

the drug and possession with in-

tent to distribute, authorities

said. Four men are in custody in

Mexico and another suspect was

official said most of the 15 bodies

exhumed in a rural area over the

past week were those of drug

traffickers and not random sac-

Juan Benitez Ayala, comman-

der of the federal judicial police

in Matamoros, said the investiga-

Aldrete, 24, may have been killed

by Constanzo because she knew.

too much about the organisation.

Meanwhile, a Mexican police

arrested Monday in Houston.

possess with intent to distribute

nine other people late Tueso

Voodoo gear found at house of Mexican satanic drug ring MEXICO CITY (Agencies) — A and "godmother" of the cult of drug smugglers blamed for 15

voodoo doll and a pair of makeshift altars apparently used for animal sacrifices were displayed Tuesday in a suburban home owned by the alleged "god-father" of a drug ring accused of the ritual killings of 15 people.

Mexican police said the house and an apartment in downtown Mexico City belonged to Cuban-American Adolfo de Jesus Constanzo, 26, said to have practised 'santeria," an Afro-Cuban mix of voodoo and Catholicism which condones bizarre animal sacri-

Costanzo, who four suspects in Mexican custody identified as their satanic "godfather" is still at . large and believed to be in the United States.

Police allowed journalists into the two-storey house in Atizapan de Zaragoza, an upper-middle class suburb outside Mexico City, which was discovered at the weekend.

At one altar hidden in a back room was a doll of an old man sitting in a chair, apparently serving as a centrepiece. Some of the ring's victims, dug

up last week from a mass grave on a ranch near Matamoros, just across the border from Texas, were said to have been used in sacrifices aimed at invoking satanic protection for the group's smuggling operations.
Police at the Atizapan de Zara-

goza house said they did not have evidence of human sacrifices at the house, but they declined to discuss further details of their investigations. Unlike altars used by the ring

found in Matamoros, there were no signs of animal organs or blood at the Atizapan de Zaragoza house, but neighbourhood children led reporters to a nearby vacant lot where several headless chickens were found discarded.

The children said they saw men from the house throw the chickens into the lot. "They took (the chickens) out

in black bags and threw them in the lots," said one boy.

A U.S. grand jury has indicted

tion had shifted to Mexico City, where officials believe several murders are linked to Constanzo. Benitez refused to comment on statements he made to reporters Monday, when he speculated that

rificial victims.

deaths.

Texas.

Sheriff's office makes own crack cocaine

FORT LAUDERDALE, Florida (AP) - Some of the crack cocaine sold on Broward County Streets was processed not in dark labs in crime-ridden neighbourhoods, but on the seventh floor of the county courthouse. The sheriff's office has been turning cocaine ito the purified, smokable form because it can't get enough to supply undercover officers setting up street sweeps to arrest buyers. But defence attorneys say that it's ethically wrong for the sheriff's office to make crak, also know as rock. A spokesman for Broward Sheriff Nick Navarro, who seems to thrive on publicity and con-troversy, said Tuesday the sheriff was pleased with the operation's results. "With all this publicity, I suppose all the attorneys will be keenly aware of it," said spokesman Jim Leljedal. "We believe our cases will stand up." Although the sheriff's office hasd believed it was the first in the nation to make its own crack, the Polk County sheriff's department last June produced 311 grammes of crack cocaine for undercover

Stolen Van Gogh reportedly returned

OTTERLO, The Netherlands Gogh paintings stolen from a Dutch musem last December has (AP) — One of the three Van Dutch musem last December has been recovered by the museum, Autch radio reported Monday. The painting, identified as Vincent van Gogh's "Weaver's Interior," was returned to the museum after thieves demanded a ransom of five unilion guilders (\$2.5 million), according to the radio report. Ransom negotiations with the thieves were conducted in writing, according to the report, which did not specify if any ransom had actually been paid. No further details were disclosed in the radio report. On Dec. 12, thieves smashed a window in the Kroeller-Mueller National Museum in the eastern Dutch village of Otterlo and took three paintings by the Dutch impressionist, including an early version of his world-famous "Potato Eaters" and "Wilted Sunflowers." No official estimate of the three paintings' value has ever been disclosed. But the director of the Christie's auction firm in Amsterdam said at the time the price of "Potato Eaters" alone could rival that of "Sunflowers," which sold for \$39.9 million at a London auction in

Harris still going strong

LOS ANGELES (AP) — It has been 44 years since Julie Harris made her Broadway debut, and the actress who has won five Tony Awards shows no signs of tiring of the stage. Among the changes she said she has seen in the theatre are that "there aren't that many plays being done in New York anymore. The regional theatres have taken over, and that's a big movement." The 63year-old actress particularly loves the role she's playing now, a woman who ages from 72 to 97 in Alfred Uhry's 1988 Pulitzer Prize-winning play "Driving Miss Daisy." Harris plays a southern widow named Daisy who has a crusty relationship with her black chauffeur, played by Brock Peters. "Daisy, if you pull her apart and put her under a microscope. has a lot of faults," Harris said by telephone from Seattle, where she was appearing in the show prior to its Los Angeles opening. "She's proud, she is prejudiced in her own way, and yet she's an adorable, wonderful character because she's like all of us, she's not perfect."

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67 killed as Indian trainruns off rails He said 119 people were was a series of thuds and we

NEW DELHI (AP) -- Twelve cars of a high-speed passenger train jumped the rails and careened down an 5.5-metre embankment in central India, killing at least 67 people and seriously injuring 119 others, officials said Wednesday.

Palladium circues by promute is placed in "heavy" water—in which

hydrogen has been replaced by its

the water into deuterium and oxygen.

The New Delhi-bound express derailed Tuesday between Lalitpur and Dailwara stations about 450 kilometres south of the capital, said Mathew John, the chief of

New Delin wednesday, said the cars overturned when the speeding train braked sharply near a bridge.

"The train was at a very high speed when I suddenly heard wheels screeching. Then there found our coach overturning," a passenger, V.N. Murthy, was John did not disclose the speed

2 The positively charged deuterisms move to the palladium. There, they are absorbed into its lattice. Eventually

the lattice becomes so packed with den

at which the train was travelling when it crashed but said highspeed trains normally run at a 110 kilometres per hour. There was no speed restric-

tion on the train in that sector," he said. John said the two diesel-po-

the many transfer of cars. is initialtaka Express remained upright on About 20 victims died instantly

and the rest died shortly after

arrival at Lalitour Civil Hospital,

three kilometres from the acci-

dent site. John said.

"grievously injured," which he defined as having more than quoted as telling the news broken bones. That was the only total available for the injured "because they have been counted and admitted to hospitals," he said. The train with 19 passenger coaches and two freight cars

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That compares with 26 watts per

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Of the more than 60 other

experimenters, Pons said none

has reported observing both the

production of neutrons and the

high level of heat tht he and

Fleischmann produced.

started its journey Monday from Bangalore, capital of Karnataka state, 1,325 kilometres south of the accident site. to multi-was out-ing 1,000 perional and was scheduled to reach New Delhi Tuesday but

was running several hours late at the time of the crash. The dead included four men from a 14-member Karnataka state "Kabaddi" team, who were travelling to Haridwar in north

India to participate in a tournament of the rough-and-tumble version of tag.

There are no telephone communications between New Delhi and Jhansi, the nearest major rail iunction to the crash. But John said railroad officials were in touch with Jhansi by wireless. He said an inquiry to deter-

mine the cause of the derailment

will begin Friday.

At least four trains bound for south India from New Delhi Wednesday were cancelled because the derailment blocked tracks, officials at the capital's railroad station said. More than 100 people were killed July last when a high-speed

train ran off the rails on a bridge

and fell into a river below in the

southern state of Kerala.

Inside the house, equipped with an elaborate closed-circuit television security system, reporters were shown two altars with dried fruit, beads, black cloaks, burnt cigars, half-empty liquor bottles and geometric drawings

11 people on drug charges, in-cluding the alleged "godfather"